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Valentin Ault

John Frederick

John Henry

Eve (Ault)

John Ault

John Andrew

Lucinda (Knarr)

Jerome Franklin

John Omer

Julia Ann (Binkley)

Steven Frederick

Stuart Marshall

Barbara Ann



#### Corrections

p. 34. 1778-1783: 3rd Series, Vol. 23.

p. 34. March 19, 1728: Vol. 2, p. 173.

p. 46, line 21: "art or mystery!"

Will of Henry Alt at end of book.





VALENTIN ALT

HIS CHILDREN and HIS GRANDCHILDREN

By

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DEDICATED

To My Brother

Loren Newell McCloud, whose request that I  
find his family tree for him set me off on  
the winding trail left by our forefathers.



## FOREWORD

This work is intended as a prelude to a comprehensive history of the Valentin Alt posterity, long under way and far from completion. It aims to show beginnings of branches of the family as recorded documentarily. Its scope is expected to help anyone stemming from the line to trace his connection with it. Search for material used in this study was the chief objective of vacation trips from 1935 through 1947. Added to the usual tourist delights of sight-seeing and meeting interesting people, has been the joy of bringing home a distinctive kind of souvenir: historic items showing how forefathers of mine fitted into and helped make the intricate pattern we call the American way of life.

The sources cited here are either original or, next best, authoritative copies of originals, such as deeds and church records, which I personally examined. Many repositories have furnished the material used. Their names appear under SOURCES, at the end of this book. I deeply appreciate the privilege of access to these repositories, and have only praise for the considerate helpfulness of their officials and assistants wherever I have worked.

I give personal thanks to the many Valentin Alt descendants with whom I have conferred in various parts of the United States. Their family records and traditions have furnished valuable clues to original sources, while their interest and friendly cooperation have been inspiring. Correspondence from descendants is greatly desired. The more than 4000 names already indexed for the larger work mentioned above include many for whom I have found only a brief record. What became of them? What of their descendants? Female lines, especially, tend to get lost. If you hold any information on any lines, male or female, clear down to the latest marriage, death, or new-born baby, please send it to me. Your contribution will be a valuable addition to the story of this interesting family.

To Mr. Henry James Young, Director of The Historical Society of York County, York, Pa., I am especially grateful for the unstinted help, encouragement, and critical guidance he has given while this work has been in progress. To Mrs. Alice E. Starner and Miss Florence Blessing go my deep gratitude and appreciation. The former, Assistant Director of The Historical Society of York County, patiently and expertly transcribed my whole body of notes. This required understanding and appreciation of the erratic forms of spelling, capitalization, punctuation, and "Dutch" terms used in the old manuscripts, as well as ability to interpret my sometimes complicated notes. Miss Blessing, Office Secretary of the Society, with consummate craftsmanship and artistic sense has put the book into its finished form.

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VALENTIN ALT,  
HIS CHILDREN  
AND HIS GRANDCHILDREN

Valentin Alt came to America on the Ship Davy, William Patton, Commander, from Amsterdam, last from Cowes. He took the oath of allegiance at the Courthouse, Philadelphia, October 25, 1738<sup>(1)</sup>. By February 5, 1744, he was living in that part of Philadelphia county, Pennsylvania, now, and since 1784, included in Montgomery county, in the area of Falkner Swamp. The New Hanover Lutheran church there recorded the following items concerning children of Valentin Alt<sup>(2)</sup>:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Johann Friedrich	11/7/1743 2/5/1744	Valentin Alt Catharina	Johann Friedrich Stempel and wife
Anna Catharina	9/30/1744 1745	"	Henrich Krauss and wife
Catharina	9/29/1748 12/4/1748	"	Catharina Krause
Valentin	3/22/1750	"	Valentin Vogt and wife
Philip	10/12/1752 3/25/1753	"	Philip Jost and wife

List of Deaths<sup>(3)</sup>

Child	Parents' Names	Date of Death	Age
Anna Margaret	Valentin Alt	7/9/1745	3 yrs, 3 mos.





The Sexton's Record<sup>(4)</sup>

1745, July 12 Child of Valentine Alt

Augustus Evangelical Lutheran church at Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, has the following record<sup>(5)</sup>:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents
Conrad	12/18/1746 3/14/1747	Valentin Alt Catharina

Valentin was still at Falkner Swamp in February, 1755<sup>(6)</sup>, but by April 13 of that year he had settled in York County<sup>(7)</sup>. The following records show the change of residence:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Elizabeth	----- 4/13/1755	Valentin Alt Catharina	Johānes Bouschman & Elisabeth

Valti Alt signed his will in York County on July 18, 1755, and it was admitted for probate there on January 10, 1756<sup>(8)</sup>. An English translation of it is presented herewith, along with a copy of the inventory of his personal estate.

## WILL OF VALENTIN ALT

In the name of the Holy Trinity and in faith in Jesus Christ, on July 18, in the year 1755, I, Valentin Alt, make my last will, while in good understanding. Imprimis, I give my son Adam Alt for his inheritance from me one shilling sterling. Secondly, my son Jacob Alt shall have my place and all that I have for £105., and as the children become of age he shall pay



§15. good lawful money to each, and if a child dies [so sohl  
 die Mauten das Keind Erben ... this is unintelligible to me  
 (H.J.Y.)]. My son Jacob shall keep the children and clothe  
 them until they have learned a trade, or as the [Mauten] and  
 executors and my son see fit. The children shall be brought  
 up in the word of God. My son Jacob shall give my wife Maria  
 Catharina 10 bushels of wheat and 5 bushels of corn each year  
 as long as she lives, and keep a cow for her (she shall have  
 her choice of my cows), and my son shall give her 100 pounds  
 of pork each year, and 10s. cash, and if it no longer pleases  
 my wife to live with my son, he shall build her a separate  
 house, and make a garden there. The bed and one chest my wife  
 shall have, 2 tin dishes, a [heflein] to make soup and a  
 [schmeltz penlein-melting pan?] and a lamb for making [illegi-  
 ble] my wife shall have that so long as she lives and remains  
 a widow; but if she marries again she shall receive from my  
 son Jacob the grain and corn, but the feeding of the cow, and  
 sowing of the flax shall no longer be done for her when she  
 remarries. As executors I have nominated Johannes Heckedorf  
 and Andreas Schenck. This is and remains my last will,

Vallenttein Alt

Valti Alt (SEAL)

Johannes Heckedorf

Andreas Schinck

(Translation made by Mr. Henry James Young, Director of The  
 Historical Society of York County, York, Pennsylvania.)

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An Inventory of the Good, & Chattles of Vallentin Oult  
 Late of the County of York Deced who died Intestate [sic!]  
 Imprint

To 2 Hoursses - - - - -	10	0	0
To 1 Cow - - - - -	2	10	0
To 1 haffer & one Smal Bool - - - - -	1	6	0
To 3 Hogs - - - - -	0	10	0
To 1 old Plow and all as be Langs to it - - - - -	0	15	0
To Mole & Whechas - - - - -	0	6	0
To 2 old axes & one Hogshed - - - - -	0	10	6
To 1 old kroven How & - - - - -	0	4	0
To 1 Hand Saw - - - - -	0	2	6
To 1 old Spade - - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 Dung Fork - - - - -	0	1	6
To 1 Hay Fork - - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 dron Cettel - - - - -	0	15	0
To 1 Smal Fryen pan - - - - -	0	2	0
To old Sietes - - - - -	0	2	6
To 1 Hamer & one Smal Anvel & Woel Stone - - - - -	0	1	0
To 3 ougers - - - - -	0	6	0
To 3 Pewter Basons & 3 Dishes & 2 Pew plates - - - - -	1	9	0
To 6 old Spoonce - - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 old ouger or Bore to Bore with - - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 Pewter Tanckert - - - - -	0	3	0
To 3 Bell - - - - -	0	7	6
To 2 old Collars & 2 pair of Iron Trases - - - - -	0	18	0
To 2 old Sadles - - - - -	1	7	0
To 1 old Sied Sadle - - - - -	1	6	0





To 1 old krine Stone	- - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 old Cutting Box & What belongs to it	- - -	0	5	6
To 1 old Drowing knife	- - - - -	0	1	0
To 1 Cavich Tube & 1 Small Casek & 1 Bucked	- -	0	2	6
To 1 old Cratel	- - - - -	0	0	6

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Brought over from the other Site		£ 23	17	0
To 2 Glass Bottels	- - - - -	0	0	9
To 1 Bed & Bed Stead	- - - - -	1	10	0
To 1 Corry Comb	- - - - -	0	0	10
To 1 ChaSt	- - - - -	0	18	0
To 1 Book of CriSteanety	- - - - -	0	3[?]	0
To 1 fownal	- - - - -	0	0	6
To 2 Iron Leadles & 1 Flash forck	- - - - -	0	3	0
To 1 Dough trough	- - - - -	0	1	6
To 1 old Taiklen Iron	- - - - -	0	2	6
To 1 pair of Sceils to Way With	- - - - -	0	7	6
To 3 old Bags	- - - - -	0	4	6
The Improvements With all the builthings	- -	£80	0	0
To one obligation of Hand from John Koplin in Philada County for	- - -	£40	0	0

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The above is a true appraisament of such of the Effects of  
Vallentin Oult Deced as Came to our view according to the  
best of our Judgement:

Valentin Schmeker  
[name of second witness undecipherable]





Letters of Administration of the estate of Valentin Alt, deceased, were granted to Maria Catharina Alt, April 1, 1756, by the Register of York County<sup>(9)</sup>.

Guardians were appointed by the Court for Frederick Alt, "minor Orphan Son of Valentine Alt late of York Township Yeoman deceased," and for Henry, Conrad, Catharina, Valentine, and Philip, "minor orphan children of the said Valentine," on November 28, 1759<sup>(10)</sup>.

On December 1, 1762, "Came into Court Henry Conrad, [Miller, Codorus township,] who intermarried with Maria Katrina Alt late the Widow of Valentine Alt Deceased and Administratrix with a Copy of an english Translation of the Will of the said Deceased annexed & produced the Accompts of their Administration of the Personal Estate of the said Deceased by which (after having been examined and approved by the Court) it appears that there is a Ballance in the Hands of the said Henry Conrad the Sum of thirteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings & eleven pence Subject to Distribution of which The Sum of four Pounds twelve Shillings and Three pence is the Widows Third which Sum the Court do decree that the said Henry retain in his hand in full of his Wifes Third of the personal Estate of the said Deceased And the Court do decree that the said Henry do pay unto Adam Alt the Sum of two Pound and one Shilling in full of his share of the personal Estate of the said Deceased and do pay unto Jacob, Frederick, Henrich, Conrad, Katrina, Valentine, and Philip Alt or to the Guardians of such of them as are under age (if not already paid) the Sum of twenty



Shillings and six pence each and thereupon the Court do order him Quietus<sup>(11)</sup>."

Valentin Alt was married twice. The second wife was a daughter of Martin and Anna Catharina Schmidt, of Feuershausen[?], in Osingen. Maria Catharina was born December 1, 1722, and died June 10, 1759, of the measles. After Valentin's death, she married, as mentioned above, Henry Conrad, by whom she had one child, both Henry and this child surviving her. She was buried "on their place"<sup>(12)</sup>."

#### ADAM ALT

Adam was the oldest surviving child of Valentin Alt and his first wife. He was named in his father's will<sup>(8)</sup>, and, at the final accounting of the administration of Valentin's personal estate, received the amount due the eldest son, as stated above<sup>(11)</sup>. Tax records for Adam Alt of York County include the following:

1762 Alt, Adam Shrewsbury Township Rate 10 Tax £0.1.6

1771 Alt, Adam Shrewsbury Township Rate 9 Tax £0.1.6

Adam married Susanna Kirkman, daughter of Daniel Kirkman<sup>(13)</sup> of York County. Six of their children were baptized at Friedensaal (Schuster's) church, Springfield township, York County, Pennsylvania. The church records are as follows<sup>(14)</sup>:





Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Eva	7/24/1762 -----	Adam and Susanna Alt	Johann Kleinfelder and wife Eva
Elisabetha	1/19/1764 -----	"	Jacob and Elisabetha Alt
Salome	3/28/1766	"	Peter and Salome Korpman
Johann Adam	2/17/1768 -----	"	Johann Henrich and Anna Maria Alt
Daniel	11/22/1770 -----	"	Daniel Korpman
Susanna	2/29/1772 4/12/1772	"	Henrich and Juliana Merckel

Another daughter, Catharine, was born before March 22, 1775<sup>(15)</sup>.

Upon Adam's death, Susanna, his wife, became administratrix of his estate. The final accounting was made and approved by the York County Court on March 22, 1775<sup>(15)</sup>.

Susanna married a second husband, James Flowers, and removed to Beaver County, Pennsylvania, where she was living as late as July 9, 1822, widowed<sup>(16)</sup> a second time. On that date she made her son, Adam, her attorney to receive her inheritance from the estate of her father, deceased, in York County<sup>(13)</sup>.

#### ADAM AULT

Adam, son of Adam and Susanna (Kirkman) Alt, was born February 17, 1768, as noted above. Adam's half-brother, Henry, and the latter's wife, Anna Maria, served as witnesses at the child's baptism.<sup>(14)</sup>



Federal Census records for Adam include the following:

1790	Pennsylvania	York County	Shrewsbury township
Head of Household	Free white males of 16 yrs. & upward, including heads of families	Free white males under 16 yrs.	Free white females, including heads of families

Adam Alt	1	1	1
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1800	Pennsylvania	York County	Heidelberg
Head of Household		Under 10	10-16
			16-26
			26-45
Adam Alt	Males	2	0
	Females	1	1
			3
			0
			1
			1

1810	Pennsylvania	York County	Town of Heidelberg
Head of Household		Under 10	10-16
			16-26
			26-45
			Over 45
Adam Alt	Males	0	1
	Females	2	0
			0
			0
			0
			1
			1
			0

1820	Pennsylvania	York County	Hanover Borough
Head of Household		Under 5	26-45
Adam Alt	Males	1	1
	Females	1	1

1830	Pennsylvania	York County	Hanover Borough
Head of Household		5-10	10-15
			20-30
			60-70
Adam Ault	Males	1	0
	Females	0	1
			0
			1
			1

1840	Pennsylvania	York County	Hanover Borough
Head of Household		15-20	30-40
			70-80
Adam Alt	Males	1	0
	Females	1	1
			0
			0





Adam Ault was an organ builder and cabinet maker of more than local reputation, as indicated by the following items: 1. The Evening Sun, of Hanover, in its issue of May 28, 1938: "Adam Ault is one of Hanover's most noted men. The products of his cabinet shop here are eagerly sought by museums and connoisseurs of fine woodwork and early musical instruments. An apprentice of his, James Lick, founded the famous Lick's Observatory ... ." 2. A letter addressed to Adam Ault by John H. Pennington, of Baltimore, Maryland, himself a pianoforte builder (17) .

The building where Adam Ault lived and had his cabinet shop is still standing in Hanover.

When Adam Ault died, The Hanover Spectator, issue of July 12, 1848, carried the following announcement: "Monday, the 10th inst., in this place, very suddenly, Mr. Adam Ault (organ builder) aged 83 years, 4 months, and 25 days." (18) He had made his will on July 13, 1844, and had added a codicil on November 1, 1846 (19) .

#### WILL OF ADAM ALT

In the name of God -- Amen!

I, Adam Ault, of the borough of Hanover, in the county of York, and state of Pennsylvania, being weak in body, but of sound disposing mind and memory, take this occasion to make this my last Will and Testament, in order to arrange every thing necessary in regard to such worldly Estate, as I am present possessed of, and which is my property. - It is therefore my will, and I order hereby



Firstly:- My beloved daughter Elizabeth Lipp shall have and receive, and keep in possession during her life time, the two-story brick Dwelling House and Lot of Ground, in York Street, in the borough of Hanover, wherein I at present reside, and my said daughter Elizabeth Lipp shall also keep in her possession, and for her own use and benefit, the land owned by me within the limits of the borough of Hanover, and in Heidelberg township, York county, woodland as well as clear land - in short, all my Real and Personal Property, of every description, I hereby will and bequeath hereby to my daughter Elizabeth Lipp, for her to hold the same as her sole property during her natural life.

Secondly:- I hereby also order and direct that my afore-said daughter Elizabeth Lipp shall pay all my just and honest debts, in case any such debts shall be found standing against me.

Thirdly:- After the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth Lipp, all the afore-described property, real and personal, then remaining, shall revert to her son, Alexander Lipp, who then shall be the sole owner of the same. And in case of his death, and leaving legitimate children, the said property, real and personal, shall revert to his said legitimate children, and be equally divided between them, share and share alike. - But if the said Alexander Lipp should die without having legitimate children, the aforesaid property shall be sold according to law, and the proceeds thereof equally divided, share and share alike, amongst the then surviving children of my deceased daughter Susanna Ernst, and of my deceased son





Jacob Ault.

Fourthly:- Whereas my above named daughter Elizabeth Lipp, has also a daughter, named Isabella Lipp, who, on account of bodily infirmities, is not able to support herself through life, it is my desire to make provision for her maintenance in the following manner: Whenever, at the decease of my said daughter Elizabeth Lipp, my Real and Personal Estate shall come, according to the true intent and meaning of this my last Will and Testament, into the possession of her son, Alexander Lipp, he, the said Alexander Lipp, shall make sufficient provision for the maintenance and support of his said sister, Isabella Lipp, as long as she lives, so that nothing is wanting for her subsistence in food and clothing, and other necessaries And in case of the death of the said Alexander Lipp, a sufficient sum of money shall be retained out of the aforesaid property for her maintenance and support, which shall be placed in the hands of a Trustee, to be appointed by the proper authority, who shall be bound to execute the contents of this my last Will and Testament, in so far as it regards the said Isabella Lipp, truly and faithfully. - And after the decease of the said Isabella Lipp, the money so reserved shall be divided equally, share and share alike, amongst the legitimate children of said Alexander Lipp, or, if he should have no legitimate children, amongst the then surviving children of my daughter Susanna Ernst, and of my son Jacob Ault, both now deceased.

Fifthly:- Having reserved a piece of Ground of the Lot where I at present reside, of Twelve Feet square, in the



South East corner of said lot, which is now used as a burying place for my family, where already rest my wife and one daughter, and where it is my will that my earthly remains shall also be interred - it is my will, and I hereby order and direct, that the said piece of Ground of Twelve Feet square shall forever remain for this purpose, and kept at all times inviolate. Future owners of the Lot of Ground and Dwelling where I now reside, shall always keep a fence around this burying place, and those who neglect this my wish and order, shall forfeit the property and may be dispossessed by any individual who may give information thereof. In order that this my wish may be strictly complied with, I hereby order and direct, that whenever the property should be sold, a proviso shall be made in the Deed of Conveyance to this effect, so that the true intention and meaning of the Testator can in no instance or case be perverted.

And Lastly:- I do hereby constitute and appoint my aforesaid daughter Elizabeth Lipp, as sole Executrix of this my Last Will and Testament, hereby revoking and making null and void all other will or wills which I may heretofore have made and executed.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Eighteenth day of July, in the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Four.

Adam Ault (SEAL)

Witnesses present at signing:

David Diehl

Daniel Philip Lange





Codicil

Whereas I, Adam Ault, of the borough of Hanover, in the county of York and state of Pennsylvania, the Testator, named in the annexed Last Will and Testament, dated the 18th day of July, 1844, have for various reasons, thought proper to make the following alterations and additions to the same, it is my desire that they shall be considered as part of the said Last will and Testament, and be as valid, as if they had been originally embodied in the same. They are as follows:

The Real Property in the borough of Hanover, fronting on York street, is very eligibly situated for laying out Building Lots, and as there is every probability that the said borough may in course of time be further improved and extended, it is my desire and I hereby will it so, that my daughter Elizabeth Lipp, to whom the above named property is willed, shall have the power of having at any time, when she thinks it right and proper, the same surveyed and laid off in Building Lots, and sell them on the most advantageous terms, leaving this however to her discretion. My said daughter Elizabeth Lipp shall also have the power and right to convey such property sold to the purchaser or purchasers, giving deed or deeds for the same, as required by law; and her proceedings in this matter shall be as legal as if they had been performed by myself in my life time.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal,  
this first day of November, in the Year One Thousand  
Eight Hundred and Forty-Six.

Witnesses present at signing: Adam Ault (SEAL)

David Diehl

Daniel Philip Lange



York County SS

Before me William Schall, Deputy Register for the probate of Wills and granting letters of administration in and for said county personally appeared David Diehl, and Daniel Philip Lange, Esq<sup>rs</sup> who being duly qualified, Do depose and say they were personally present and saw Adam Ault, sign his name to the foregoing instrument of writing purporting to be his last will and testament, with a codicil thereto attached, and that at the time of executing the same, the said testator was of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, and that they witnessed the same at the request of the testator and in his presence and in the presence of each other at the same time.

Sworn, affirmed and subscribed)

before me the fifth day of )

David Diehl

August A D 1848. )

Daniel Philip Lange

W<sup>m</sup> Schall )

Dept Reg )

Memorandum, Letters testamentary were granted to Elizabeth Lipp, the executrix named in the foregoing will, after being duly qualified according to law on the 15th day of August A D 1848.

David Bender, Rr

The graves provided for in the will were not identifiable by searchers who visited the scene in August, 1941.

Besides the children Adam mentioned in his will, he had also a daughter, Ann, who died in Hanover on January 20, 1829<sup>(20)</sup>.





His son Jacob, a pianoforte maker, died in Baltimore, Maryland, May 25, 1843<sup>(21)</sup>, leaving a widow, Naomi, and some children<sup>(22)</sup>.

Descendants of Adam's daughter, Elizabeth Lipp, were living in Hanover as late as the 1890's<sup>(23)</sup>.

### DANIEL AULT

Daniel Ault, son of Adam and Susanna (Kirkman), was born November 22, 1770, as noted above<sup>(17)</sup>. By 1800 he was operating a mill in Mercer County, Pennsylvania. One of the small grinding stones from his mill may still be seen in Wampum, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, where it serves as a stepstone before a dwelling house. United States Census records give a partial picture of his westward migration, as follows:

1800		Pennsylvania		Mercer County		
Head of Household			Under 10	10-16	26-45	
Daniel Ault	Males	2		1	1	
	Females	1		0	1	
1820		Ohio		Jefferson County		Island Creek township
Head of Household			Under 10	10-16	16-18	16-26 Over 45
Daniel Ault	Males	1		2	1	1
	Females	0		1	0	1
Engaged in Agriculture		4				

As late as October 26, 1807, Daniel was living in Mahoning township, then in Mercer County, but since 1849 included in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania<sup>(24)</sup>. On October 11, 1810, he and his wife, Margaret, deeded a tract of 200 acres in Mahoning township to





(25)  
James Chambers . In Jefferson County, Ohio, Daniel Ault  
owned 166 acres of land in Section 29 Range 1 Town 3<sup>(26)</sup>.

Daniel Ault had died intestate, before January 31, 1824, in  
Jefferson County, Ohio<sup>(27)</sup>, leaving the following heirs: Oliver  
Ault, Thomas Tindall Ault, Alexander Ault, John Collins Ault,  
Susan Ault, David Ault, James C. Ault, and a grandson, Adam  
Ault<sup>(28)</sup>, whose deceased father was also named Adam<sup>(29)</sup>. Some  
of Daniel's descendants are still living in Jefferson County,  
Ohio, and Wampun, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

#### JACOB ALT

Jacob Alt, second son of Valentin Alt, received from his  
father the latter's farm in York township, York County, Penn-  
sylvania, along with the responsibility of taking care of  
Valentin's widow so long as she lived and of the younger  
children until each became of age<sup>(8)</sup>. He was a weaver to whom<sup>(30)</sup>  
his young half-brother Conrad was apprenticed on May 27, 1760

Jacob married Elisabeta Margareta Schneider. There are birth  
and baptismal records of four children of this couple at  
Friedensaal (Shuster's) church, Springfield township, York  
County<sup>(31)</sup>. These records follow:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Eva	8/3/1764 12th Sunday(A) after Trinity	Jacob and Elisabeta Margareta (Schneider) Alt	Philipp and Elisabeta Schneider



Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johann Jacob	2/25/1767 Palm Sunday(A)	Jacob and Elisabetha Margareta (Schneider) Alt	Jacob and Catarina Pflüger
Christina	3/19/1770 4/22/1770	"	Peter and Christina Behler
Maria Magdalena	1/19/1773 3/14/1773	"	Conrad Alt P.Valentine and Catharin Schneider, P.Philipp.

Jacob and Elisabetha Margaretha Alt were witnesses at the baptism of Johann Friederich Alt, son of Friedrich and Eva (Heins) Alt<sup>(32)</sup>, and for Elisabetha, daughter of Adam and Susanna Alt<sup>(33)</sup>, at Friedensaal church, the date of neither baptism being given in the register.

The original tax records of York County list Jacob Alt for the years 1771, 1774, 1778, giving the tax rate and amount. He is listed as in Shrewsbury township. For later years the records are as follows:

1779 Shrewsbury township

Jacob Alt	50 Acres	10 cleared	Horses 1	Cattle 1
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1779 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt	30 Acres	Horses 1	Cattle 1	Tax £12.10.0
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1780 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt	40 Acres	Horses 1	Cattle 1	Tax £10.12.6
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1781 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt	Tax £1.0.10
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1782 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt 100 Acres Horses 1 Cattle 1 Tax £1.15.0

1783 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt Cattle 1 Inhabitants 2

1783 Hopewell township

Jacob Alt Inhabitants 2

The original records for 1784 and 1787 do not have Jacob's name in either Hopewell or Shrewsbury.

Jacob Alt was in Captain John Miller's Company (Third Company), York county, Pennsylvania<sup>(34)</sup>.

#### JACOB AULT

The birth and baptismal records of Jacob, son of Jacob and Elisabetha Margareta (Schneider) Alt, are given above, on page 18. Further records of his life include the following:

Child	Born Baptized	Parents	Church
John <sup>(31)</sup>	6/22/1787 8/19/----	Jacob and Anna Maria Alt	Friedensaal (Schuster's)

U. S. Census, 1790 Pennsylvania Washington County

Head of Household	Over 16	Under 16
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Jacob Ault	Males 1	1	Females 2
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1800 Pennsylvania Washington County Nottingham township

Head of Household	Under 10	10-16	26-45
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Jacob Ault	Males 1	1	1
	Females 2	1	1





1810 Pennsylvania Washington County Nottingham township

Head of Household	Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45
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Jacob Ault	Males 0	0	1	1
	Females 2	1	1	1

1830 Ohio Montgomery County Jackson township

Head of Household	Under 5	5-10	20-30	60-70
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Jacob Ault	Males 2	0	1	1
	Females 0	1	1	1

1840 Ohio Darke County Butler township

Head of Household	15-20	70-80
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Jacob Ault	Males 1	1
	Females 0	1

1850, November 30 Ohio Darke County Butler township

Name	Age	Place of Birth
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Jacob Ault, Sr.	83	Pa.
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Mary	82	Pa.
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The Assessment rolls of Nottingham township, Washington County, Pennsylvania, contain Jacob's name for 1793 through 1810. The property assessed was as follows, whenever itemized:

Year	Property	Value
1796	1 horse 1 cow	(Not given)
1801	Oil Mill Horse Cow	5 10 5
1803	Oil Mill Horse Cow	5 10 5
1808-1809	76 acres 2 Horses 2 Cows	1810, Dec. 10, 75 acres 3 Horses 2 Cows





Deeds in Washington County, Pennsylvania, show that Jacob's land lay on Dry Run in Nottingham, and that he and his wife, Mary, had transferred their real estate to a new owner by April 1, 1811<sup>(36)</sup>. It must have been about this time that he purchased land in Montgomery County, Ohio, for on August 17, 1815, he received title from Isaac Bear and wife, Elizabeth, to the N part of the N W 1/4 S 31 T 4 R 4 E, adjoining land he already had<sup>(37)</sup>. The total 101 1/2 acres Jacob and Mary deeded to Christian Eby, Sr., of Frederick County, Maryland, August 20, 1836<sup>(38)</sup>. On May 4, 1852, Jacob and Mary conveyed their land in Darke County, Ohio, to William Ault for support of them during their natural lifetime<sup>(39)</sup>.

Jacob married Anna Mary Eisenhart. As noted above, page 19, she is called Anna Maria in her son's baptismal record. She is named Mary in the deeds cited above. Her son, John, recorded her maiden name, Eisenhart, in his Bible, now in the possession of John's granddaughter, Miss Ellen Ault, of Greenville, Darke County, Ohio. This Bible record does not give the mother's first name.

Descendants of Jacob and Mary are numerous today in the Middle West, particularly in Darke County, Ohio, and in Cass and Miami Counties, Indiana.

#### FREDERICK AULT

Frederick Ault was born November 7, 1743, as noted above, on page 1. On November 28, 1759, the Orphans Court of York



county, Pennsylvania, recorded the following action: "Came into Court Frederick Alt a minor Orphan Son of Valentine Alt late of York Township Yeoman deceased Aged eighteen Years this fall and chose Andreas Schank of York Township Yeoman guardian over his Person and Estate during his Minority of whom this Court approves<sup>(10)</sup>." His inheritance from his father's estate has been noted above<sup>(11)</sup>, page 7.

Vital records for four of Frederick's children are the following:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johann Friedrich <sup>(32)</sup>	1/30/1764 (not stated)	Friedrich and Eva (Heins) Alt	Jacob Alt and Elizabeth Mar- garetha, his wife
Anna Catharina <sup>(31)</sup>	8/19/1766 9/7/1766	Friedrich and Eva (Heins) Alt	Peter Hau(?) and wife, Catharina
Child <sup>(40)</sup>	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Andreas	4/2/1769 5/14/1769	Fridrich Alt and Eva	Andreas Lau (of Michel) Elisabeth Amelot
Johannes	12/28/1772 2/7/1773	Friedrich Alt and Eva	Valentin Alt Margaretha Buch

Frederick Alt served with George Eichelberger, on September 5, 1767, as appraiser of the personal estate of "Mathias Nehs late of Manchester Township Farmer Deceased." On the appraisal sheets Frederick made his "mark", F A, in bold and distinctive print<sup>(41)</sup>. The same "mark" appears as Frederick's signature in the Washington county, Pennsylvania, Probate





papers pertaining to his brother Conrad's estate<sup>(42)</sup>.

The original tax records of Washington county, Pennsylvania, carry Frederick's name, beginning with 1784, the first year this county had such lists, through 1814-15. The first records the name Olt. Such assessment rolls as are given in detail are as follows:

1796

Ault Frederick	Land	Prop.	Val.
		130	52
ditto cleared	"	40	6
1 Shingled House 26 by 20		1	3
1 Barn Thached		1	2
1 Oyle Mill		1	15
1 Saw Mill		1	20
4 Horses		4	20
Cows		3	6

1804-05

Ault Frederick	Land
1 Grist Mill	
1 Saw Mill	
Horses	
Cows	

1811-12

Ault Frederick, Sr.	Land	180 A.
1 Grist Mill		
1 Saw Mill		
2 Horses		





2 Cows

1 Dog

1814-15

Frederick Ault, Sr., Deceased      Sold to Thomas Gordon

On June 9, 1814, Frederick Ault and Eve, his wife, deeded to Michael Ault 6 acres 150 perches plus 6 per cent more or less, in Somerset township, Washington county, part of the land patented by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Frederick Ault, May 25, 1789. In this deed Frederick printed his "mark", his characteristic F A, while Eve made a cross for hers<sup>(43)</sup>. On August 10 of the same year, Eve Ault, with her mark, signed a document as follows:

"I Eve Ault widow and relict of Frederick Ault deceased do by these presents renounce my right of administering on the estate of the said deceased and request that the letters may be granted to Henry McDonough Esquire and Aaron Kerr. Given under my hand on the 10th day of August 1814. Test Isaac Kerr.<sup>(44)</sup>"

A bill for muslin for the funeral of Frederick is dated July 6, 1814<sup>(131)</sup>. It is seen, then, that Frederick's death occurred between June 9 and July 6, 1814.

#### INVENTORY OF FREDERICK AULT'S PERSONAL PROPERTY<sup>(44)</sup>

Appraisement of the goods and Chattles rights and Credits of Frederick Ault of Summerset township Washington County State of Pennsylvania Deceased Taken this 20th day of August 1814 by Peter Yohe and George Mcilvain



2 Grindstones	- - - - -	2	12 1/2
3 flower Caskes	- - - - -		75
2 Ditto	- - - - -		37 1/2
1 Meat Tub	- - - - -		25
3 Sider Barels	- - - - -		90
4 Ditto	- - - - -	1	20
2 Ditto	- - - - -		60
1 Churn 2 fat tubs	- - - - -		37
2 tar Casks	- - - - -		12 1/2
1 Ditto	- - - - -		10
1 half Bushel	- - - - -	1	
1 washing tub	- - - - -		30
3 old Buckets	- - - - -		30
3 Ditto	- - - - -	1	00
5 old Bea gums	- - - - -		12 1/2
2 pair of Horse geers	- - - - -	6	
1 pair Ditto	- - - - -		75

Total 16 - 28 1/2

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1 pair of Brigebands	- - - - -	2	25
2 old Blind bridles	- - - - -		37 1/2
1 Cittle	- - - - -	1	
1 Dutch oven	- - - - -		50
1 Ditto and small pot	- - - - -	1	
1 Ditto	- - - - -	1	
22 Earthen Pots	- - - - -		90
12 small Earthen Dishes	- - - - -		40



4 large Ditto	- - - - -	20
4 Boles	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 lot of gass [glass?]	- - - - -	37 1/2
2 pitchers 1 mug	- - - - -	40
1 Dish 3 puter Basens	- - - - -	4
2 small Bason 3 spoons	- - - - -	66
1 lot of tin whare	- - - - -	70
3 Puter Plates	- - - - -	1 25
5 Ditto	- - - - -	2 8
5 Ditto	- - - - -	2 8
5 Ditto	- - - - -	2 8
26 Puter spoons	- - - - -	2 8
1 lot of ladles	- - - - -	1 82
Sausage funnel and forke	- - - - -	20
1 lot of tin cups and other things	- - - - -	1 10

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26 = 49 1/2

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6 Whit Plates	- - - - -	60
1 lantern	- - - - -	37. 1/2
1 lot of tea Cups and Bole	- - - - -	75
6 tea Spoons	- - - - -	12
1 Coffee Mill	- - - - -	1 00
1 lot of Bottles and glasses	- - - - -	62 1/2
1 Smothing iron and Lamp	- - - - -	75
Saddle Bags and Strap	- - - - -	25
1 Sadle and Bridle	- - - - -	1
1 woman Sadle and Bridle	- - - - -	7





1 spinning wheel	- - - - -	1
1 Big wheel	- - - - -	1
1 real	- - - - -	50
1 pair of wool cards and roling pin	- - - - -	12 1/2
6 Knifes and forks	- - - - -	75
1 small Box and Gunpowder	- - - - -	50
3 rasors and Hone	- - - - -	1
2 small Bores	- - - - -	37 1/2
Spanish Brown	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 Bille [Bible?]	- - - - -	2 25
1 lot of old Books	- - - - -	37
1 watch	- - - - -	9

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1 lot of whiles	- - - - -	25
1 looking glass	- - - - -	1
1 old woden Clock	- - - - -	1 50
1 Chest	- - - - -	1
1 Bedstead and Bedding	- - - - -	20
1 Ditto	- - - - -	12 50
1 Ditto	- - - - -	9 00
5 Chears	- - - - -	1 50
2 table Cloath and towl	- - - - -	1 25
1 do tray and Bole	- - - - -	25
1 Box with Dry Apple	- - - - -	50
Dry Apples by the Bushel	- - - - -	1 12 1/2



1 square and Cumpas	- - - - -	1	75
1 lot of Augers	- - - - -	1	50
1 lot turning Chissels soforth	- - - - -	1	50
1 lot of Chissels	- - - - -	3	50
Plow and Grove plains	- - - - -	1	50
2 plains and square	- - - - -		75
turning tools	- - - - -		75
5 plains and Square	- - - - -	3	
Spoon Moles and ladles	- - - - -	1	50
3 Saws	- - - - -	4	
Cross Cut saw	- - - - -	3	
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2 Drawing knives	- - - - -		75
Broad Ax foot adze	- - - - -	2	50
4 Axes	- - - - -	3	
Sledge and fro	- - - - -	1	75
1 frying pan	- - - - -	1	
Stilyards pickax	- - - - -	2	50
Hammer Pinchers			
old files	- - - - -		75
Brass and steel	- - - - -	2	25
Screws	- - - - -		75
21 bb of old Iron	- - - - -	1	26
Box with old gimlets	- - - - -		25
1 lot of old sturrups	- - - - -		25
8 pains of glass	- - - - -		60
1 Box of Cut Nails	- - - - -		60
quantity of Hammer Nails	- - - - -		60



35 bb of Nail rods	- - - - -	3	70
2 Clavises	- - - - -		75
1 Sharp shears 2 Lamps	- - - - -		50
1 lot of old Iron	- - - - -		75
1 Basket of old Iron	- - - - -		37 1/2
1 lot of old Ditto	- - - - -		25
1 Box of old Ditto	- - - - -		12 1/2
Gun Barel and Augers	- - - - -	2	50

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1 Hackel	- - - - -	1	25
pine Staves	- - - - -		25
2 Sifters	- - - - -	1	25
1 Box of Hemp	- - - - -		25
1 Paren Morhean[?] and Packsadle	- - - - -		75
2 Brooms	- - - - -		12 1/2
Cabage knife	- - - - -	1	25
1 old trawf	- - - - -		6
1 gun and Poutch	- - - - -	2	
1 Bag and Brand	- - - - -		37 1/2
2 Bags	- - - - -	1	
1 trawf	- - - - -		50
12 Bushel of wheat	- - - - -	7	50
2 Coffe Pots	- - - - -	1	
3 large Baskets	- - - - -		62 1/2
4 Bread Baskets	- - - - -		25
1 Pot Chain	- - - - -		25





Dresser and Cobert	- - - - -	3	
Dresser	- - - - -	1	
Boriet [?]	- - - - -		25
table	- - - - -	2	25
4 Dozen of flax yarn	- - - - -	1	

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7 $\overline{bb}$ of flax	- - - - -		98
2 1/2 yards of white linsey	- - - - -	1	75
2 1/2 yards of Ditto	- - - - -	1	
1 1/2 yards of Cotten	- - - - -		90
2 yards of to Cloath	- - - - -		50
2 Baskets	- - - - -		25
windmill	- - - - -	6	
Cutting Box and knife	- - - - -		75
360 feet of oak Boards	- - - - -	1	80
82 Dozen of Oats	- - - - -	14	76
2 Cow Chains	- - - - -		75
the third of 6 Acres of Corn	- - - - -	8	
4 large Hogs	- - - - -	7	50
10 small Ditto	- - - - -	6	
old Waggon	- - - - -	15	
1 Plow	- - - - -	3	
2 log Chains	- - - - -	4	50
1 pair of Double trees	- - - - -		37 1/2
1 swingle tree	- - - - -		10
3 shovels	- - - - -	1	
2 Dung forks one Hook	- - - - -	1	25

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76.16 1/2



3 Pitch forks	- - - - -	1	10
3 Hoes	- - - - -	1	12 1/2
1 Cornharrow	- - - - -	1	12 1/2
2 old Sithes	- - - - -		37 1/2
Shaving Horse and turning Bench	- - - - -		25
1 pair of Bellowses	- - - - -	9	
Anvile	- - - - -	17	
Vice and Bickhorn[?]	- - - - -	5	
Hammer and tongs	- - - - -	2	50
Small quantity of Corn	- - - - -		46
one old Box	- - - - -		6
7 Gees	- - - - -	1	75
3 Bee Hibe	- - - - -	3	75
3 oile Millstones	- - - - -	6	
2 hay stacks	- - - - -	8	
Black horse	- - - - -	60	
Bay Mare	- - - - -	55	
Bay Colt	- - - - -	18	
old Black Mare	- - - - -	2	
1 Black Cow	- - - - -	12	
1 Brown Cow	- - - - -	12	

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1 red and white Cow	- - - - -	12	
1 Black and white heffer	- - - - -	6	
1 Calf	- - - - -	3	
1 Conkshell	- - - - -		25



19 1/2 Bushels of rye	- - - - -	8 77 1/2
whearing apparel	- - - - -	6
winnegar Cag	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 half Bushel	- - - - -	50
1 Pocket Book	- - - - -	6
1 tin Bucket	- - - - -	75
salt Box	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 Wiske Barel and Cock	- - - - -	80
1 Halter Chain	- - - - -	37 1/2
1 pair of wol cards	- - - - -	25
1 old Waterin Pot	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 Bottle	- - - - -	30
1 quart	- - - - -	12 1/2
1 Bea s cap	- - - - -	50
5 1/4 bu of talla	- - - - -	75
Hogs lard	- - - - -	25

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Sum total

\$503.43

Vendue

\$833.50 1/2

Gain by the vendue \$330

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From vouchers in the Probate files, we get the following  
list of heirs<sup>(44)</sup>:

Eve, the Widow

Voucher No. 6

Mary (Mrs. Frederick Ault)

Voucher No.17

(Her husband signed the receipt for

"...part of my wife Mary Ault's share".)

Frederick (a different one)

Voucher No.18





Eve (Mrs. Johannes Ault)	Voucher No.19
Michael Ault	Voucher No.20
Andrew Ault	Voucher No.21

The relationship of the daughters, Mary and Eve, and of the sons, Frederick (signer of Voucher No.18), Michael, and Andrew, is found in two deeds in Washington County, Pennsylvania. According to the first, Frederick Ault of Somerset township, Washington county, was appointed attorney for Andrew Ault and Elizabeth, his wife, of Jefferson county, Ohio, and for John Ault and his wife, Eve, of Belmont county, Ohio. Their letters of attorney say, in part: "...we the said Andrew Ault and Eve Ault being the lawful son and daughter of the said Frederick Ault deceased (the said Eve being now entermerried to the above named John Ault of Belmont aforesaid)." This document was signed December 22, 1814<sup>(45)</sup>. Acting upon the directions in the letter of attorney, that is, to sell the land in Somerset township left by the deceased Frederick, the heirs signed the deed of transfer on April 1, 1815<sup>(45)</sup>. Besides the son and daughter named above, signers included sons, Frederick and Michael, and daughter Mary, all of Somerset township. Frederick's acting administrator, Aaron Kerr, was discharged by the Court as having completed settlement of the estate, the last Monday of December, 1817<sup>(46)</sup>.

Revolutionary War records of Frederick Alt (Ault) include the following:



Date	Rank	Unit	Where Recorded
1778-1783	Private	Rangers on the Frontier	Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 4, p. 699; 3rd Series, Vol. 22, p. 207
May 1, 1783	Lieutenant	Fifth Battalion	Ibid., 6th Series, Vol. 2, p. 199
March 19, 1782	Second Class	Fifth Battalion, Capt. Robert Ramsay's Co., Washington Co., Militia	Ibid., 6th Series, Vol. 2, p. 174

Post-Revolution military service includes the following: January 6, 1785, Samuel Morgan made assignment of his military wages to John Elliott, wages earned on Tour of Duty for Frederick Alt - at Wheeling Fort<sup>(47)</sup>. This Frederick may have been the son of Frederick and Eva (Heins) Alt, the younger man having reached the age of twenty-one the preceding January 30.

Eve, widow of Frederick, was living at least until August 18, 1817, when she signed a voucher, No. 16, receipt in full for her share of her husband's estate<sup>(44)</sup>. No further records concerning her have appeared in my research.

Descendants of Frederick and Eve spread fanwise westward from Washington county, Pennsylvania, in the familiar pattern of migration in the United States in the nineteenth century. A large number of them are living now in Belmont county, Ohio.





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## JOHANN FRIEDRICH ALT

Johann Friedrich Alt was born January 30, 1764, as noted above on page 22. By 1785, this Johann Friedrich, his name anglicized to Frederick Ault, was on the Assessment rolls of Washington county, Pennsylvania, for Somerset township, where he continued on the lists through 1817-1818. In the original tax lists for Somerset township, 1796, the detailed record is as follows:

1796	Ault Frederick Junr	Land Property	Value
		50	20
	Cleared Land	5	0
	Cabin	1	1
	Gun Smith's Shop	1	20
	Horse	1	5
	Cows	1	2

Lists for 1801, 1808-9, 1811-12, 1812-13, 1813-14, all give his occupation as Blacksmith, and show his acreage variously as 50, 52, 53. The rolls for 1817-18 carry his name, but also the notation, "Removed. Land sold to B Diky."

Frederick's land, "Plum Thicket", in Somerset township, he had received by deed from Jacob Forward, on January 6, 1792<sup>(48)</sup>. This land, 52 acres, 94 perches, more or less, he and his wife, Margaret (she making her mark), deeded to Benjamin Dickey, April 3, 1817<sup>(49)</sup>.

United States Census records for Frederick and his family are as follows:





1790 Pennsylvania, Washington county

Head of Household Over 16

Frederick Ault, jur. Males 1 Females 2

1800 Pennsylvania, Washington county, Somerset township

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 26-45

Frederick Ault, Jun. Males 1 1 1  
Females 3 0 1

1810 (As for 1800)

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 16-26 26-45 Over 45

Frederick Ault Males 1 1 1 0 1  
Females 2 2 2 1 0

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 16-26 Over 45

Frederick Ault Males 1 1 0 1  
Females 1 0 2 1  
(2 in Agriculture)

1830 (As for 1820)

Head of Household 15-20 60-70

Frederick Ault Males 1 1  
Females 0 1

1840 (As for 1820 and 1830)

Head of Household 20-30 70-80 60-70

Frederick Ault, Sr. Males 1 1 Females 1  
(1 in Agriculture)

1850, September 9 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Frederick Ault	81	None	Pa.
Andrew	36	Farmer	Pa.
Eleanor Seward [Stewart?]	30		Ohio



Frederick died intestate, July 19, 1853<sup>(50)</sup>, and was buried in Zion (the "Old Dutch") cemetery, beside his wife, who had died April 26, 1845<sup>(50)</sup>. This is the well kept burial ground south of St. Clairsville, Belmont county, where many Ault tombstones may be seen, but which cannot be reached now, 1947, by vehicle, the old road having been abandoned and closed.

This Frederick and his cousin Frederick, who became also his brother-in-law<sup>(51)</sup>, may be distinguished from each other in Probate and Deed records in Washington county, Pennsylvania, by the spelling each characteristically used for his name, each writing in a transitional German-English script and spelling.

Frederick married Margaret Study<sup>(A)</sup>, according to Court records<sup>(52)</sup> in Washington county, Pennsylvania. That she was sometimes called Rebeka is seen by the deed<sup>(45)</sup> cited on page 33, above. In this deed her name is also spelled Rebeca and Rebca<sup>(A)</sup>. At her death, she was in her seventy-fifth year<sup>(50)</sup>.

The son Andrew, named above in the Census record for 1850, died November 11, 1878<sup>(53)</sup>, leaving a will<sup>(54)</sup> in which he named his brothers and sisters, as follows: Fredrick; Catharine (Mrs. Thomas Mobley); Margaret (Mrs. George Ault, [her husband being the son of her Great Uncle Valentine Ault]); John [married to Elizabeth Ault, the daughter of his Great Uncle Henry Alt's son Phillip]; Mary (Mrs. William Melott, who received the family Bible); Sarah (Mrs. Samuel Irwin); Christina (Mrs. Frederick Alt [her husband being a son of Phillip, son of Henry Alt]); William; Susan M. (Mrs. Andrew Miller).

Descendants of Frederick and Margaret (Study) Ault still live in Belmont county, Ohio.





## WILL OF ANDREW AULT, DECEASED

In the name of the Benevolent Father.

I Andrew Ault of the Township of Smith and County of Belmont, Ohio do hereby make and publish the following as and for my Last Will and Testament, intending thereby to dispose of all my estate Real and personal.

ITEM 1st: It is my will that my executors pay all my just debts, costs of administration, funeral expenses including expenses of last sickness, and that I be dressed in my best black suit and that they procure a metallic coffin for my burial and that they have erected at my grave a Scotch Granite Monument at a cost of about five hundred dollars.

ITEM 2nd: I give devise and bequeath to my sister Marry Mellott The old Family Bible, Life of Christ and Bible History.

ITEM 3rd: I further give and bequeath sister the aforesaid Mary Mellott the sum of four hundred dollars to be paid her by my executors in the manner hereinafter provided.

ITEM 4th: I give devise and bequeath to my niece Hannah Sumption Flavels Work on redemption and a set of dishes to be selected from my cupboard.

ITEM 5th: I give devise and bequeath to my nephew Robert Irvin my Hunting Case watch, he to use it till his eldest son become of age then he receive it and keep it till his next brother arrives at 21 years of age then he take it and so on from one brother to the other till it reaches the youngest he retain and keep it in the family.

ITEM 6th: I give devise and bequeath to my nephew John Ault, son of William Ault, my open faced watch it to be kept in the





family by handing it over to the eldest son when he arrives at his majority and he to the next older brother when he arrives at the age of 21 years and so down to the youngest son.

ITEM 7th: I give devise bequeath the remainder of my books and wearing apparel to Sarah Ogilbee wife of Wm Ogilbee, Joseph Irwin at mouth of Captina, Hammond Ault, John Ault, son of Wm. Ault, David Irwin and Thomas McFadden to be divided by my executors as in their judgement they think right.

ITEM 8th: I give devise and bequeath to my niece Mary Anne Weyer the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid her by my executors in the manner hereinafter provided.

ITEM 9th: I give devise and bequeath to my sister Christina Ault the sum of six hundred dollars to be paid by my executors in the manner hereinafter provided.

ITEM 10th: I give devise bequeath to my Friend Ellen Stewart 1 bedstead and bedding to consist as follows 1 good under tick 2 sheets 1 feather bed pillows and bolster, 1 blanket 1 coverlid and 1 spread.

ITEM 11th: I further devise and bequeath to my Friend Ellen Stewart the sum of five hundred dollars to be paid by my executors in the manner hereinafter provided.

ITEM 12th: I give devise and bequeath to my Friend Shannon McMillen the sum of one hundred dollars to be paid by my executors in the manner hereinafter provided.

ITEM 13th: It is my will that my executors retain seventy five dollars and apply it to the fencing of the grave yards at Ault Church and Glencoe, twenty five dollars to be applied at Aults and fifty at Glencoe. Not to be paid before one year after my



decease nor until there is built a new good and substantial fence.

ITEM 14th: I give devise and bequeath to aforesaid Sarah Ogilbee one cow to be selected by my executors.

ITEM 15th: It is my will that my executors pay all of the foregoing bequests and claims, and the balance remaining I give devise bequeath to the children of Brothers Frederick Ault, John Ault, William Ault and my sisters Katie Mobley, Maggie Ault, Susan Miller and Sarah Irwin to be equally divided among them (that is each child receiving the same amount of money.)

ITEM 16th: I will it obligatory upon my nephews and nieces in Item 15th that they make themselves known individually to the satisfaction of my executors within two years from my decease or they forfeit all claim to their interest in my property.

ITEM 17th: It is my will and I so direct my executors to pay my debts claims and bequests as follows. First, all included in Item 1st except the monument which shall be paid when it can conveniently. Second I direct that Items 8th and 12th be paid one third as soon as there is money on hand the balance in two annual installments.

ITEM 18th: I will and direct my executors to pay Ellen Stewart (Item 11th) one hundred dollars per annum (1st payment to be made soon after my decease) provided she lives 6 years. In case she dies before the expiration of 5 years she shall be paid one hundred dollars per annum till her death, then I direct that my executors pay her funeral expenses. Then the residue of the 500 dollars to go to the heirs named in Item 15th.





ITEM 19th: I direct that the remaining legacies be paid as soon as can be done conveniently.

ITEM 20th: It is my will and I so direct that as soon as practicable after my decease my executors shall sell at public vendue for cash or credit not exceeding 9 months from time of sale as can be most advantageously done all my personal property of which I may die possessed and not hereinbefore bequeathed, and all my right title and interest in and to the Real estate on which I now reside. Terms of sale of Real estate, one third cash in hand one third in 1 year and the remaining third in two years with six per cent per ann interest on the deferred payments, and apply the proceeds of above sales as directed herebefore.

ITEM 21st: I hereby constitute and appoint my friends John A. Neff and Daniel Ault to be executors of this my last will and testament giveing them full power to sell and dispose of all property named in this will and not specifffically bequeathed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of November, A. D. 1878. (SEAL)

Andrew Ault

Executed by Andrew Ault the testator in our presence and by us subscribed as attesting witnesses in his presence and at his request.

Witnesses

John McKelvey

Ed Eckhard

Thos Ault





## ANDREW AULT

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Andreas	4/2/1769 5/14/1769	Fridrich Alt Eva	Andreas Lau (of Michael) Elisabeth Amolet

Andrew Ault, as noted in the preceding report on his father, Frederick, Sr., was living in Jefferson county, Ohio, at the time of his father's death. His name occurs in the Assessment rolls for Somerset township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, 1791 through 1796. The last named list shows him assessed for 2 horses and 2 cows, at a valuation of 10 and 4, respectively. United States Census records for him and his family are as follows:

1790                      Pennsylvania, Washington county

Head of Household              16 or over    Under 16

Andrew Ault              Males              1              1              (Free, white); Females 1

1820              Ohio, Jefferson county, Island Creek township

Head of Household              Under 10    10-16    16-18    16-26    Over 45

Andrew Ault	Males	1	1	1	4	1
	Females	0	1	-	1	1

(In Agriculture, 6)

1830              (As for 1820)

Head of Household              20-30    60-70                      20-30    60-70

Andrew Ault              Males              1              1              Females              1              1

1840              (As for 1820 and 1830)

Head of Household              20-30    70-80                      20-30    70-80

Andrew Ault              Males              1              1              Females              1              1



1850, October 14. Ohio, Jefferson county, Island Creek township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Andrew Ault	82	(None given)	N.Y. [see birth record.]
Elizabeth	83		N.Y.

Andrew died intestate in 1852, not later than March 29<sup>56</sup>. His wife, Elizabeth, outlived him as did the following heirs: sons, Jacob, George, Andrew, Michael, and daughter Eve (Mrs. William Shaw), all of Jefferson county, Ohio; son Phillip<sup>A</sup>, of near Natchez, Mississippi; son Frederick; daughters Elizabeth (Mrs. James Andrews), of Wayne county, Ohio, and Margaret (Mrs. Peter Simon), of Mahoning county, Ohio; children of son John, who had died in California. Some of the descendants of Andrew and Elizabeth still live in Jefferson county, Ohio.

#### MICHAEL AULT

Michael Ault's role in the settlement of his father, Frederick, Sr's, estate has been noted previously, on page 33. Other Washington county, Pennsylvania, records concerning him include Tax lists and Deeds. Some of these are the following Assessments for Somerset township, 1800 through 1813-14. Itemized lists include the following:

1809-10	Michael Ault	50 Acres 2 Cows 1 Horse 1 Horse Mill
1811-12	Michael Ault	Transferred 50 A to David Wherry 2 Cows 1 Gristmill
1811-12 (A second list)	Michael Ault, Cooper	5 A 1 Horse mill 1 Horse 1 Cow 1 Dog





1813-14 Michael Ault "Removed"  
 1814-15 Michael Ault "Removed. Land sold to Gordon."

## Deeds:

March 12, 1807  
 Michael Ault from Thomas Marshall, land in Somerset township,<sup>57</sup>

May 21 1811  
 Michael Ault from George Tinkey, land on North Pigeon Creek<sup>58</sup>.

May 30 1815  
 Michael Ault to David Wherry<sup>59</sup>.

May 30 1815  
 Michael Ault to Thomas Gordon, 2 deeds, same date<sup>60</sup>.

On August 4, 1814, Michael Ault received at the hand of President James Monroe a patent to the SE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 6, Range 4, in Belmont county, Ohio<sup>61</sup>. On September 3, 1839, Michael and his wife, Christiana, transferred to their son, Michael Jr., their farm and grist mill, in return for certain reimbursements to the parents and to the other children, named as follows: Elizabeth, John, Daniel, Mary, Sally<sup>62</sup>.

Census records for Michael, Sr., and his family are the following

1800 Pennsylvania, Washington county, Somerset township

Head of Household	Under 10	16-26
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Michael Ault	Males 0	1
	Females 1	1

1810 (As for 1800)

Head of Household	Under 10	10-16	26-45
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Michael Ault	Males 2	2	1
	Females 2	1	1

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

Head of Household	Under 10	10-16	16-18	16-26	Over 45
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Michael Ault	Males 2	1	1	1	1
	Females 0	2	0	0	1
	(1 Mfg; 1 Ag.)				





1830 (As for 1820)

Head of Household		15-20	20-30	50-60		50-60
Michael Ault	Males	1	1	1	Females	1.

1840 (As for 1820 and 1830)

Head of Household		20-30	60-70		60-70
Michael Ault	Males	1	1	Females	1
		(1 Agriculture)			

1850, September 28(?) Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township  
 Christianna Ault Age 77 Place of Birth, N.Y.  
 Daniel 29 Occupation, Miller;  
 Place of Birth, Pa.

The original Tax lists for Belmont county, Ohio, 1839, show Michael assessed for 160 A., 1 Grist Mill, in Smith township.

Michael died, intestate, January 13, 1849, aged 72 years, and was buried in the "Old Dutch" cemetery, south of St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio. Beside him lies his wife, Christeann, who died October 17, 1854, in her 81st year<sup>50</sup>.

#### MARY (POLLY) AULT

Mary, daughter of Frederick and Eve (Eva Heins) Ault, was born in 1780 and died in 1873<sup>50</sup>. She married her first cousin<sup>51</sup>, Frederick Ault, son of her uncle, Conrad<sup>63</sup>. Her husband signed receipts for her share of her father's estate<sup>44</sup>. Other details of her life will appear in the section on Conrad Ault.



## EVE AULT

Eve, daughter of Frederick and Eve (Eva Heins) Ault<sup>45</sup>, was born March 4, 1782, and died September 9, 1870<sup>50</sup>. She married her first cousin, John Ault<sup>44</sup>, son of her uncle, Henry Alt<sup>65</sup>. Other details of her life have been noted in the section on Frederick, Sr. Still others will appear in the section on Henry

## HENRY ALT

Henry Alt, son of Valentin and Maria Katharina Alt, was born October 31, 1745<sup>66</sup>. At the age of ten, he was apprenticed to a weaver, as the following Orphans Court record shows:

March 26, 1756, "Came into court Maria Katharina Alt Widow and Administratrix of Valentine Alt late of York Township Weaver Dead and Prayed that Henry Alt a minor Orphan Son of the said Valentine Aged ten Years the thirty first Day of October last, may be bound an Apprentice to Abraham Keeper of Codorus Township Weaver It is considered by the Court and the said Henry Alt is hereby bound an apprentice to the said Abraham Keeper until he shall be of the Age of twenty one Years IN CONSIDERATION whereof the said Abraham Keeper (by Casper Keeper his Father) doth Covenant and agree to teach the said Apprentice to read and write and the art of Mystery of a Weaver which he now Practiseth and to furnish and allow the said Apprentice Sufficient Meat Drink Apparel Washing and Lodging during the said Term and at the Expiration thereof to pay unto him three Pounds Current Money of this Province of two Suits of Apparel one whereof shall be new... ."





Henry's guardians, appointed November 28, 1759, were George Myer and Philip Zeegler<sup>10</sup>.

The original Tax lists for York county show Henry resident in Shrewsbury township in 1774, York township 1779 through 1789, then Shrewsbury 1800 and on to the end of his life.

Since the York county Assessment rolls for 1783 also carry a census of inhabitants, the itemized statement from the original lists concerning Henry Alt is given here; York township:

	Males	Females	Land	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Houses	Outhouses
Henry Alt	6	1	210 A.	3	3	3	2	1

Federal Census records for Henry Alt include the following:

1790 Pennsylvania, York county, York township

Head of Household	16 or over	Under 16
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Henry Ault	Free White Males	4	4
	Free White Females	2	

1810 Pennsylvania, York county, Shrewsbury township

Head of Household	Under 10	26-45	Over 45
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Henry Ault	Males	2	0	1
	Females	2	1	0

Baptismal records for Henry's children are to be found in York county, as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johann Heinrich <sup>67</sup>	6/23/1769 (Date not given)	Heinrich and Anna Maria Alt	Felix Kletttfel- der and Barbara Walter
Valentin <sup>68</sup>	8/4/1772 8/30/1772	Same	Valentin Alt and Barbara Walther
Johan Valentin Philipp <sup>69</sup>	11/22/1775 6/23/1776	Same	"Heinrich Walth- er, the grand- father."





Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johan Jacob <sup>73</sup>	10/20/1778 11/22/1778	Heinrich Alt Anna Maria	Johan Jacob Beck Maria Barbara
Johannes <sup>65</sup>	2/13/1781 4/15/1781	Same	Johann Schmidt and wife Barbara
Elizabeth <sup>70</sup>	10/1/1783 12/11/1783	Same	Dorothea, daughter of Henrich Walth- er, deceased
Anna Maria <sup>71</sup>	12/7/1785 1/15/1786	Same	Conrad Hardt and wife Juliana
Frederick <sup>72</sup>	4/6/1788 5/1/1788	Same	Valentine Wild and Elizabeth
Ludwig <sup>74</sup>	4/10/1804 6/3/1804	Henry Alt Christina	Ludwig and Eliza- beth Bopp
Heinrich <sup>75</sup>	1/10/1806 3/15/1806	John Henry Alt Christine	Solomon and Mag- dalen Walter

Henry Alt served in the American Revolution as the follow-  
ing record shows <sup>76</sup>:

PAY ROLLS OF YORK & CUMBERLAND NORTHAMPTON WESTMORELAND COUNTY  
MILITIA 1781.

Capt. Wm. Dodds pay Roll from October 5th to Decemr. 5th 1781

	Pay	Bounty
Henry Ault private	5. 0. 0	5.10. 0

Henry Alt died September 14, 1816<sup>188</sup>. He signed his will  
on August 24, 1816, and it was admitted to probate on September  
23, 1816<sup>77</sup>. The [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] inventory of his personal estate  
is [REDACTED] included in this study.



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A Pressment is Mad this Twenty-seventh day of September A. D.  
1816 over the Property of HENRY ALT Deceased

	\$	C
2 Cows	26	00
2 Dito	30	00
2 haffer	25	00
2 Dito	20	00
3 Cafs	12	00
1 Mahr	20	00
1 Dito	45	00
1 Hores	40	00
1 Mahr	30	00
2 Hogs	10	00
5 Dito	25	00
5 Peags	01	75
1 Laum and Sundris	20	00
1 Stove With Tin plat	02	00
10 Sheep	12	00
2 Collors and Sundres	02	50
3 Ploughs	06	00
1 Windmill	10	00
Hay	32	00
1 Bean's Sworm	01	00
Hamp	05	00
5 Cows shaush[?]	01	33
5 furcks and Sundre	02	50
1 Catten backs	01	33
Sundre	00	50
Paind blanks per hunderd \$ 00 per hundert	13	00
1 Waggon	45	00
1 Waggon cans	01	75
1 Harrows	04	00
Sundres	01	00
2 Horses-gears	04	00
1 Stove and pipe	08	00
1 Greenston	01	75
1 Stoer hamoner[?] & Sundres	01	33
2 Gruben hoels & Sundres	02	00
	\$ 462	74

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1 Cack and haelf bushel	01	00
6 Reags[?]	01	33
for Sundres	00	75
2 Cotten Savs[?] & Sundres	03	75
1 habw [?] & tam back	01	50
4 Aex	02	00
1 Sadel	05	00
1 Dito & Breidel	04	00



	\$	C
2 lots Iron	01	50
1 hoghes & plar[?]ster	04	00
6 Sieglen & horn & Sundree	02	00
2 Booder toops & Sundree one Flaxs bract	02	50
Brick stoon[?] & Cattel & Sundree	01	33
1 Wasth top & Sundree	04	00
1 Shom	03	50
1 Watterkan Lander & Sundree	01	00
3 Cattels & freyen paan	05	00
1 Caffee Cattel	01	50
2 Iron pots & freyen paan	03	00
1 Watter boket & sundree	03	25
Spoon & furcks	00	50
1 Kitcen dress[?]	05	00
2 Coffee pots and Sundree	00	37 1/2
2 plats & Sundree	00	40
for Sundree	02	87
4 Tens & Sundree	01	50
Dito	00	90
2 Flat Iron & Sundree	01	00
8 plats 1 Caffee kann & Sundree	01	75
for Baack trap & Sundree	01	25
1 Top & laim	00	50
1 flacks hakel	01	50
3 Basky & Sundree	01	00
1 Speenen wial	02	00
1 Snal [?] [word looks like: woug]	01	50
Flax per lb 4 cent 300 lb	12	00
Dito Dito 6 Cent 77 lb	04	62
Dito Dito 25 Cent 30 lb	03	75
Straw	15	00
	\$ 108	82

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Thoo per lb 10 Cent 25	02	50
1 Sails [?]	00	50
Corn per bushel \$1 00 6 Buschel	06	00
2 baskes	00	25
2 bonds	08	00
4 Tops	01	00
10 Baaks	06	00
10 lb Wull	05	00
5 lb Dito	02	00
1 Batt & Badstill	13	33
1 Dito Dito	03	50
1 Dito Dito & Sundree	03	75
2 Basky & haelf bushel	01	00
1 Deisks [?]	02	50
10 lb Gorn p lb 25 Cent	02	50
Oths p bushel 50 Cent 50 Buschel	25	00







	\$	C
1 Stove & pipe	16	00
1 Eight days Clock	45	00
2 Tabela	03	00
1 Luckenglas	00	75
7 Ceers	02	25
1 Batt & Badstille	18	00
1 Spinnen will	00	50
Straibs per Yard 60 30 Yard	16	20
[?]		
1 Cist & Blanket	02	50
Too Clat per Yard 25 Cent 9 Yard	02	25
for Lincy	01	33
[words crossed out] Pained Bord 13.00	13	00
Haemp linnon per Yard 50 Cent 3 Yard	1	50
Flax Dito Dito 50 Cent 23 Yard	11	50
Dito Dito Dito 50 Cent 3 Yard	01	50
1 pear Backs Clat Dito 33 Cent 3 Yard	00	99
1 pear too Carts & Sundree	00	98
1 Bibel & Boocks	06	00
1 Tabel & Sundree	01	50
1 Drawer	10	00
1 Bardel & Winnicker	00	50
6 lb Soap per lb 11 Cent	00	66
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	\$	239 74

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7 Bodels two lamps and Sundree	01	00
1 Kack & Sundree	00	50
11 lb Tally 15 Cent p lb	00	50
1 Cott Saket & trauses	06	00
1 Hatt & Stacken	02	00
1 Cott two Saket & a pear trauses	02	00
1 Grat Cott	01	00
1 pear Silver Bokels	01	50
1 pear Boods & Shuas	01	50
7 Shards	01	60
1 Auparell	05	50
Weed per Bushel \$1 87 Cent 55 Buschel	99	42
Rey Dito Dito \$1 p b 78 Bushel	78	00
Recals per hundert \$2 75 C 600 hundert	16	50
[?]	<hr/>	
Debt Henry Lehnig	10	00
Peter Wilt	50	00
Valentin Alt	328	46
Philip Alt	134	60
Jacob H(o)ys Bond	266	68
Interest	044	00
George Borkmann Bond	400	00
[?]	<hr/>	
Jacob Beyer	406	93



	\$	C
George Sheirer	025	47
John Boeshaer	066	67
George Kleinfelter	014	20
John Zeller	018	00
Witten Weidlen	010	00
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for the Widdow		
1 Cow	015	00
1 Spinnen Wile	002	50
1 Cist	003	00
1 Bead & Beadstad	021	33
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	\$2 023	86
	462	74
	108	82 1/2
	239	74
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	\$2 835	16 1/2

Henry Alt's first wife was Anna Maria, daughter of Henry Walter (Walder) and widow of Peter Neas. Anna Maria's mother was Dorothea Laufer, daughter of Hans Jacob Laufer. The Walders and Hans Jacob Laufer came from Canton Zurich, Switzerland<sup>80</sup>, on the Ship Francis and Elizabeth, Henry qualifying at Philadelphia on August 30, 1743<sup>79</sup>. Anna Maria had a brother, Solomon, and three sisters, Elizabeth (Mrs. Valentine Wilt), Barbara (Mrs. John Smith), and Dorothea (Mrs. Jacob Shafer), all of York county<sup>81</sup>. Anna Maria was baptized August 3, 1747, by the Rev. Jacob Lischy, the sponsors being Casper Klabfelder and Maria<sup>82</sup>. She married Peter, son of Matthias Neas (Neas, Nöhs), of Manchester township, York county, but was a widow with a baby son, Peter, by June 30 1767, when her father-in-law made his will<sup>83</sup>. Her son, Peter Neas, married Elizabeth





Glattfelder<sup>84</sup>, daughter of Felix and his wife, Elizabeth<sup>85</sup>, who was a daughter of Daniel and Elizabeth Renoll, of York county. Anna Maria Alt died December 10, 1794<sup>50</sup>, and was buried in Bupp's Union Church cemetery, Springfield township.

Henry Alt's second wife was Christina, widow of Ephraim Graybill, as indicated in an Orphans Court item, dated December, 1803<sup>87</sup>. The note is as follows: "On the Application of Christina Alt, late Christina Graybill the Court appoints Dieterich Brubaker guardian over the persons and Estates of David Graybill, aged seven years and upwards, and Ephraim Graybill, aged three years and upwards both orphan minor children of Ephraim Graybill, deceased." According to Henry's will<sup>77</sup>, he and Christina had four children, Ludwig, Henry, Christina, and Elizabeth. After Henry's death, Christina married again, according to three deeds on record in York county, Pennsylvania. One<sup>88</sup>, dated February 14, 1835, states: " I Aphrim Grabill one of the Sons and heirs of Christena Bap of Codorus Township in the County of York, Pennsylvania deceased have granted...unto the Said Frederick Bollinger...the estate Share and interest claim of the Said Ephrim Grabill of in to or out of the Real or Personal or mixed estate of Christina Bop late of the Township ... ." Another deed<sup>89</sup>, dated March 17, 1835, is a receipt given by Ephraim Graybill to Michael Sower, administrator of the estate of Christina Bop, for the former's full share of his mother's estate. Still another<sup>90</sup>, dated March 17, 1834, names her Christina Bob, widow of Lewis Bob, deceased.





## VALENTINE AULT

Valentine Ault, son of Henry and Anna Maria Alt, was born August 4, 1772, and baptized on August 30, 1772<sup>68</sup>. Witnesses at the baptism were Henry's brother, Valentine, and Anna Maria's sister, Barbara Walther.

Baptismal records for three of Valentine's children have been found in York county, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Andreas <sup>91</sup>	8/8/1797 8/27/1797	Vallentin Alt Susan	Andreas Lau Elisabet
John Henry <sup>92</sup>	10/27/1798 12/4/1798	Valentine Alt Susan	John Henry Alt
Daniel <sup>93</sup>	1/25/1801 4/26/1801	Valentine Alt Susan	Philip and Eliza- beth Alt

By 1803 Valentine was in Washington county, Pennsylvania, appearing in the Assessment rolls for Somerset township, 1803 through 1811-12. The only itemized list among these is that for 1809-10, when he was assessed for 1 horse and 2 cattle. The roll for 1811-12 carries the notation "Removed." From there he seems to have gone to West Bethlehem township in Washington county, as the Federal census records indicate.

1810 Pennsylvania, Washington county, Somerset township

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 26-45

Valentine Ault	Males	4	2	1
	Females	1	0	1

1820 Pennsylvania, Washington county, West Bethlehem

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 16-18 16-26 Over 45

Valentine Ault	Males	4	2	1	3	1
	Females	1	2	-	1	1

(In Agriculture, 6)



1830	Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township				
Head of Household		10-15	15-20	20-30	50-60
Valentine Ault	Males	2	2	2	1
	Females	0	2	0	1

1840	Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township			
Head of Household		20-30	60-70	
Valentine Ault	Males	1	1	
	Females	-	1	(In Agriculture, 2)

1850, September 3	Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township	
	Age	Place of Birth
Valentine Ault	78	Pa.
Susannah Ault	72	Pa.

On December 18, 1818, the United States government issued a patent to Valentine Ault, giving him title to land in Wayne county, Ohio, described as part of NE 1/4 Sec.5 Town 18 Range 12. On January 1, 1841, Valentine and his wife Susannah deeded the above described land to Valentine Alt, Jr.<sup>94</sup>

Beginning with 1820, Valentine's name appears regularly on the Tax lists for Wayne county, Ohio, until his death.

Valentine Ault died September 11, 1854<sup>50</sup>, and was buried in St. Michael's cemetery at Marshallville, Ohio. The Probate records of the settlement of his estate name the following children, if deceased, their heirs<sup>95</sup>: John Henry, deceased; Daniel, deceased; John; Andrew; Valentine; Joseph, deceased; Frederick; Catharine. (Mrs. Henry Ault), deceased; Fanny (Mrs. John Binehour), deceased; Seth; Jacob.

Valentine's wife was Susanna Lau, daughter of Andrew Lau, of York county, Pennsylvania<sup>64</sup>. Her sister Elizabeth married





Valentine's brother Phillip, whose history follows in the next section. The Ault-Lau relationship is further complicated by the fact that an uncle of this Valentine and Phillip, also named Valentine, was married to Catharine Lau, an aunt of Elizabeth and Susanna<sup>86</sup>. Many descendants of Valentine and Susanna Ault still live in Wayne county, Ohio. Susanna was born October 29, 1775<sup>50</sup>, and died March 15, 1857. Her grave is in St. Michael's cemetery, Marshallville, Wayne county, Ohio.

#### PHILLIP AULT

Friedensaal church, Springfield township, York county, Pennsylvania, records these items:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johann Valentin Philipp <sup>69</sup>	11/22/1775 6/23/1776	Henrich Alt Anna Maria	"Heinrich Walther, the grandfather"

Phillip married in York county, and at least two of his children were born there. Baptismal records for these two are found in the files of Friedensaal church, as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Elizabeth <sup>98</sup>	5/7/1799 -----	Phillip Alt Elizabeth	Andreas and Elizabeth Lau
Frederick <sup>98</sup>	8/28/1800 -/-/1800	Phillip Alt Elizabeth	Valentine and Susan Alt

Phillip and Elizabeth were witnesses at the baptism of Daniel, son of Valentine and Susan Alt, at Christ Lutheran Church, York, Pennsylvania, April 26, 1801<sup>99</sup>.





Phillip Alt's name appears on the original personal property Assessment lists for Shrewsbury township, York county, Pennsylvania, for 1800. The Belmont county, Ohio, Assessment lists carry his name in the files for June 20, 1810.

On November 19, 1811, Phillip Ault received by deed the title to part of Section 2, Town 7, Range 4, Belmont county, Ohio<sup>100</sup>.

Federal Census records for Philip Alt (Ault) include the following:

1800 Pennsylvania, York county, Shrewsbury township

Head of Household Under 10 16-26

Philip Alt	Males	1	1
	Females	1	1

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

Head of Household Under 10 10-16 16-18 16-26 26-45 Over 45

Philip Ault	Males	3	2	2	3	0	1
	Females	2	1	-	1	1	0

(In Agriculture, 4)

1830 (As for 1820)

Head of Household 5-10 10-15 15-20 20-30 50-60

Philip Ault	Males	2	2	1	1	1
	Females	0	0	2	0	1

1840 (As for 1820 and 1830)

Head of Household 10-15 15-20 20-30 60-70

Philip Ault	Males	0	1	2	1
	Females	1	0	1	1

1850, August 1 (As for 1820, 1830, 1840)

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Elizabeth Ault	72		Pa.
Joseph	27	Farmer	Ohio
Catherine	22		Ohio
Catherine Wyers	7		Ohio



Phillip Ault died January 7, 1849, and was buried in the "Old Dutch" cemetery south of St. Clairsville, Belmont county<sup>50</sup>. His will, signed January 7, 1849, was admitted to probate on January 27, 1849. His heirs<sup>102</sup> were the following: the widow, Elizabeth; daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. John Ault); Susanna (Mrs. Elisha Lucas); Anna Maria (Mrs. John F. Ault); Katharine (Mrs. Philip Jarrett); Magdaline (Mrs. David Weyer); sons, John; Andrew Franklin; Henry; Philip; Valentine; Daniel; Joseph; children of son Frederick, deceased; child of son Christopher, deceased.

#### WILL OF PHILLIP AULT

I Philip Ault of sound and disposing mind do hereby on this the seventh day of January in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty nine, will and bequeath my personal property as follows. My personal property to be equally divided among my children & grand children viz: Elizabeth Ault the heirs of Frederick Ault deceased-Susannah Lucas or Ault-John Ault the heirs of Christopher Ault deceased viz: Elizabeth Jane Ault-Andrew Ault-Henry Ault-Mary Ault- Catharine Ault or Jarrett-Philip Ault-Madalina Ault- or Weir-Valentine Ault-Daniel Ault and Joseph Ault my legal sons and daughters and grand children with this exception that Elizabeth Jane Ault is to receive one hundred dollars out of my personal property in addition to two hundred dollars of vandue money making in all three hundred dollars-Also Catharine Lucas daughter of said Susanna Lucas is to receive three hundred dollars besides the fulfilling the indenture between her and me-Father. Elizabeth Ault my wife





shall come in with the above named for her regular said equal share-

Signed by me on the day and year above named.

Witnesses:

Philip Ault his mark x

Joseph Hewetson

Elisha H. Lucas

Andrew F. Ault

Valentine Ault

John Ault his mark x

Phillip Ault married Elizabeth Lau<sup>97</sup>, daughter of Andrew Lau<sup>64</sup>, of York county, Pennsylvania. As noted above, on page 55, Elizabeth and her sister Susanna married brothers, Susanna being the wife of Phillip's brother Valentine. Their aunt, Catharine Lau, had married Valentine Ault, uncle of Phillip and the younger Valentine<sup>86</sup>. Elizabeth (Lau) Ault died November 24, 1852<sup>50</sup>, and was buried beside her husband.

Many of the descendants of Phillip and Elizabeth live in Belmont county, Ohio, and until 1946 one of them was still in possession of his farm.

#### JACOB AULT

Blymire's Union Church (now St. John's), York township, York county, Pennsylvania, carries in its register the following item:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Johan Jacob <sup>73</sup>	10/20/1778 11/22/1778	Henrich Alt Anna Maria	Johan Jacob Beck Maria Barbara

In 1801, Jacob was assessed on personal property in Shrewsbury township, York county.





Baptismal records for two of his children are included in the files of Christ Lutheran Church, at York. They are as follows:

Child <sup>A</sup>	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Maria Elizabeth <sup>103</sup>	2/2/1803 5/23/1803	Jacob Alt Catharine	Maria Elizabeth Liebenstein
Catharine <sup>104</sup>	9/8/1814 11/27/1814	Jacob Alt Catharine	George Korbman Barbara

Jacob and Catharine Alt served as sponsors at the baptism of Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin and Anna Maria Bauer, on September 18, 1819, at Christ Lutheran church, York, Pennsylvania<sup>105</sup>.

United States Census records concerning Jacob Ault include the following:

1810                      Pennsylvania, York county, Hallam township

Head of Household		Under 10	16-26	26-45
Jacob Ault	Free White Males	2	0	1
	Free White Females	2	1	1

1850, September 17              Ohio, Wayne county, Milton township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Valentine Alt	43	Farmer	Pa.
Catharine	32		Pa.
Elizabeth	17		Pa.
Jacop	72	Farmer	Ohio[sic]
Jacop Con (?)	14		Ohio
William	11		Ohio
Mikel	7		Ohio



Delila	5		Ohio
Danuel	2		Ohio
Danuel Livingston	50	Farmer	Pa.
1860, July 28		Ohio, Wayne county, Milton township	
	Age		Place of Birth
Elizabeth Ault	50		Ohio[sic]
Delila	20		Ohio
Julian	18 (Female)		Ohio
Elizabeth	14		Ohio
Nancy	13		Ohio
Jacob Ault	82		Pa. Blind

Jacob Ault is listed in the Assessment of personal property rolls for Wayne county, Ohio, Baughman township, 1826. In 1841<sup>106</sup> he received title to land from his brother, Valentine Ault, the latter having received it by United States patent on December 18, 1818. This land is described as part of the NE 1/2 S 4 T 18 R 12. Jacob deeded this parcel to Joseph Ault in 1847<sup>107</sup>.

An interesting letter in Jacob Ault's own hand, addressed to his brother, Frederick, of Rochester, Indiana, is on file in the Probate Court records of Pulaski county, Indiana, at Winamac. It is dated July 7, 1844, and relates to the estate of Jacob's son, Henry, who had died intestate a short time before in Tippecanoe township, Pulaski county<sup>108</sup>.

Jacob died May 11, 1867<sup>50</sup>, and was buried in St. Michael's cemetery, Marshallville, Wayne county, Ohio. Beside him is his wife, Catharine's grave. She died January 16, 1823, aged 45 years.



Besides the three children of Jacob and Catharine mentioned earlier in this section, they had also the following: Jacob, Michael, George, and Elizabeth.

### JOHN AULT

The following church records concern John, son of Henry Ault:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johannes <sup>65</sup>	2/13/1781 4/15/1781	Heinrich Alt Anna Maria	Johann Schmidt and his wife Barbara

Confirmation<sup>109</sup>, Anno 1798, Johannes Alt, 17 years.

John Ault's name appears in the Assessment rolls of Somerset township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, 1804 through 1807-8. On January 15, 1810, he became owner of part of the NE 1/4 S 6 T 6 R 4, Steubenville District, Richland township, Belmont county Ohio, through patent by the President, James Monroe<sup>110</sup>. On June 20, 1810, John Ault's name was included in the Tax lists for Belmont county, and he was so included in all later available rolls, until his death.

Federal Census records for John Ault are as follows:

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

Head of Household		Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45
John Ault	Males	3	0	0	1
	Females	1	1	1	1
(In Agriculture, 1)					





1830 (As for 1820)

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	40-50
John Ault, Senr.	Males	1	1	2	0	1	1
	Females	0	0	0	1	0	1

1840 (As for 1820 and 1830)

Head of Household		5-10	10-15	20-30	50-60	60-70
John Ault	Males	1	0	1	0	1
	Females	0	1	0	1	0

1850, August 1 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Ault	70	Farmer	Pa.
Eve	67		Pa.

1860, September 5 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
John Ault	89 [sic]	Farmer	Pa.
Eve A.	87 [sic]		Pa.

John Ault died May 5, 1863, and was buried in a small private cemetery on his farm south of St. Clairsville, Belmont county<sup>50</sup>. Intestate, his heirs were the following: the widow, Eve; daughters, Mary (Mrs. John Warren); Polly (Mrs. John A. Schlientz), both of Belmont county; daughter Susan (Mrs. Samuel Nace), of Guernsey county, Ohio; sons, Daniel, of Guernsey county Ohio; Henry, of Belmont county; John, Washington, and Frederick, of Marion county, Ohio; and the heirs of daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. Daniel Day), deceased<sup>111</sup>.

John Ault was a private in the War of 1812, in Capt. John Howell's Company, 1st Regiment, Ohio Militia. He served from September 3, 1813 until honorably discharged at Put-in-Bay, March 2, 1814<sup>112</sup>.

The wife of John Ault was Eve Ault, daughter of John's uncle



Frederick Ault<sup>44</sup>, as recounted in the section on Frederick above. Eve died September 9, 1870, and was buried beside her husband<sup>50</sup>.

### FREDERICK AULT

Baptismal records at Friedensaal church, Springfield township, York county, include the following:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Frederick <sup>72</sup>	4/6/1788 5/1/1788	Henry Alt Anna Maria	Valentine Wild and Elizabeth

United States Census records for Frederick Ault include the following:

1810            Pennsylvania, Washington county, West Bethelhem townsh:

Head of Household	Under 10	16-26
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Frederick Ault	Males	0	1
	Females	1	1

1820            Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township

Head of Household	Under 10	16-26	26-45
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Frederick Ault	Males	1	1	1
	Females	3	1	0

(In Agriculture, 2)

1840            Ohio, Summit county, Greene township

Head of Household	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	40-50
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Frederick Ault	Males	0	1	1	0	1
	Females	2	1	2	2	1

(Mining, 1)

1850, August 15            Indiana, Fulton county, Rochester township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Frederick Ault	64	Merchant	Pa.
Mary	57		Ohio
Catharine	18		Ohio





	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Peter	16		Ohio
Nancy	14		Ohio
Rebecca	11		Ohio
John	8		Ohio
Darius	6		Ind.

Besides being a merchant in Rochester, Indiana, Frederick Ault was also a tanner and courier<sup>113</sup>.

His name appears on the Wayne county, Ohio, Assessment rolls for the years 1819 through 1839. In the first list he was assessed for 320 acres of land, the S 1/2 S9 T17 R11.

Frederick died August 23, 1853, and was buried in the Citizens cemetery at Rochester, Fulton county, Indiana<sup>50</sup>. Dying intestate, he left the following heirs<sup>114</sup>: sons, John, Peter, William H., Darius; daughters, Lucinda (Mrs. David Spotts), Sarah (Mrs. Andrew H. Scoville), Lydia (Mrs. Andrew Gongwar), Mary (Mrs. David Billman), Catharine (Mrs. Elias V. Clark), Hannah (Mrs. Adam Marsh), Nancy Ault, and the heirs of Matilda (Mrs. George Spotts), deceased.

Frederick Ault married twice. His first wife was a daughter of Martin Barkhamer, of Washington county, Pennsylvania<sup>115</sup>. His second wife was Mary Yohe, to whom he was married in Wayne county, Ohio, on December 25, 1817<sup>116</sup>. Mary died December 9, 1852, and her grave is beside her husband's and that of their daughter Rebecca, who died August 9, 1851<sup>50</sup>.



## HENRY AULT

Christ Lutheran church, York, Pennsylvania, records the following baptismal items:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Heinrich <sup>75</sup>	1/10/1806 3/15/1806	John Henry Alt Christina	Solomon and Magdalen Walter

After his father's death the boy Henry became the ward of Frederick William, along with his sisters, Elizabeth and Christina, December 16, 1817<sup>117</sup>.

At least one of Henry's children was baptized in York county, as the following record in Christ Lutheran church, York, shows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Sarah Ann <sup>118</sup>	3/26/1825 6/17/1825	Henry Alt Nancy	Dinah Alt [N.B. 'Tina?]

On September 10, 1827, Henry and his sisters, Christina and Elizabeth, deeded their land in York county, inherited from their father, to Michael Hartman<sup>119</sup>. This is the last item found in York county concerning Henry.

Federal Census records for Henry Ault include the following:

1830 Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township

Head of Household	Under 5	5-10	20-30
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Henry Ault	Males	0	0	1
	Females	1	1	1

1840 Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township

Head of Household	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	30-40
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Henry Ault	Males	0	1	0	0	1
	Females	1	0	1	1	1

(In Agriculture, 1)





1850, September 5		Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	
Henry Ault	48	Farmer	Pa.	
Nancy Ault	49		Pa.	
Emanuel	17		Ohio	
Mary A.	13 [15?]		Ohio	
Henry Sidler[?]	10		Ohio	

1860, July 11		Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	
Henry Ault	56	Farmer	Pa.	
Nancy	57		Pa.	
Emanuel	28	Farmer	Ohio	

1870, June 13		Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth	
Henry Ault	65	Farmer	Pa.	
Nancy	67		Pa.	
Emanuel	38	Farmer	Ohio	
Mary	34		Ohio	

1880, June 14		Ohio, Wayne county, Baughman township			
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth of Self Father Mother		
Henry Ault	74	Farmer	Pa.	Pa.	Pa.
Nancy	74	Wife	Pa.	Pa.	Pa.
Emanuel	48	Son Farmer	Ohio	Pa.	Pa.
Mary	44	Daughter-in-law	Ohio	Pa.	Pa.

Original Tax lists for Baughman township, Wayne county, Ohio, indicate that by 1839, Henry and his half-nephew, Henry,





son of Valentine, had to be differentiated in the records. At any rate, in the Auditor's duplicates for that year the Henry of this section is Henry C., while the nephew's name is followed by this: (Swamp). In the duplicates for 1840, the two names are recorded thus: Henry Ault (Swamp), Henry Ault (Curly). In 1841, they appear as Henry S. Ault and Henry C. Ault. The 1841 Personal Property Rolls differentiate them as Henry J. Ault and Henry Ault. In 1846 [?], the men's real estate assessments were recorded as for Henry C. Ault and Henry J. Ault, indicating that the latter had come to be identified by his full baptismal name.

Henry Ault died March 3, 1885<sup>50</sup>, and was buried beside his wife, Nancy, who had died January 10, 1884. Their graves are in St. Michael's cemetery, Marshallville, Wayne county, Ohio. Henry's will<sup>120</sup>, signed April 1, 1879, and admitted to probate March 23, 1885, names the following heirs: his wife, Nancy; son, Emanuel; daughter, Elizabeth Marker; grandson, William H. Weygandt.

#### WILL OF HENRY AULT

In the name of the Father of All I Henry Ault of Baughman Township Wayne County Ohio, do make and publish this my last will and testament

Item first - It is my will that Nancy, my wife, shall during her natural lifetime have the income and benefit of such share and portion of my estate as is by statute provided for widows of intestates

Item Second. The residue of my estate shall be equally divided between my son Emanuel Ault, my daughter Elisabeth Marker, and



my grandson William H. Weygandt. But it is my desire that my son Emanuel should have the privilege of buying my real estate at the appraised value thereof, therefore it is my wish that after my decease my real estate shall be appraised (subject to the dower estate of my wife) by three disinterested freeholders of the County - and that my son Emanuel may at his option, take the real estate at the price the same may be appraised at by the appraisers for said purpose appointed

Item Third. I hereby nominate and appoint my friend Benjamin Weygandt to take charge of and care for all property and money that is herein provided for the use and benefit of Nancy, my wife, the said Trustee to pay over to her and for her in such sums and at such times as she may need for her support and comfort. after the decease of my wife the payment of all expenses for her support and burial, the remainder of such sums so in the hands of said Trustee shall be equally divided between my said heirs

In case my friend Benjamin Weygandt should decline to serve as herein desired my heirs shall nominate some suitable person who will consent to act in said capacity. If however my grandson William H. Weygandt should die leaving no child or children, then the share herein to him devised shall pass to my son and daughter in equal shares, and should my son Emanuel die leaving no child or children the two thirds of his share of my estate shall pass to his heirs of nearest kindrell (my blood)

In Testimony hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this first day of April in the year 1879.

Henry Ault (Seal)





Signed and acknowledged by said Henry Ault, as his last Will and Testament in our presence; and signed by us in his presence

George Reinohl  
Henry Winger

### Codicil

Whereas, I, Henry Ault on the first day of April A.D. 1879, made my last will and testament of that day, do hereby declare the following to be a codicil to the same

I do hereby request that my Estate may be settled and divided according to my said Will, without the intervention of an Executor or Administrator, and that the following named persons may act as appraisers, to fix a value on my Real Estate - John Shafer, Joseph Gindlesperger and Henry Winger

In testimony hereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of March in the year 1884

Henry Ault (Seal)

Signed and acknowledged by said Henry Ault (as a Codicil to his will dated April 1st 1879.) in our presence, and signed by us in his presence

John Harshey

Henry Winger

### CHRISTIANA ALT NESS

Christiana Alt was born in September, 1807<sup>121</sup>. She is named in the will of her father, Henry Alt<sup>77</sup>. On December 16, 1817<sup>117</sup>, she became the ward of Frederick William, along with her brother Henry and her sister Elizabeth. On April 3, 1827, "Christina Nace, late Christina Alt, minor child of Henry Alt,"



was made the ward of her husband instead of Frederick William<sup>122</sup>. Christina<sup>119</sup> and her husband, Henry Ness, deeded, on September 10, 1827, to Michael Hartman, Christina's share of the land in York and Shrewsbury townships, York county, Pennsylvania, inherited from her father.

A child of Christina and Henry Ness was baptized at Christ Lutheran church, at York, according to the following record:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsor
Elizabeth <sup>123</sup>	6/27/1826 9/25/1826	Henry Ness Christina	Elizabeth Alt

United States Census records for Christina's family include the following:

1830                      Pennsylvania, York county, Shrewsbury township

Head of Household		Under 5	15-20	20-30	30-40
Henry Nace	Males	1	1	0	1
	Females	2	0	1	0

1840                      Pennsylvania, York county, Springfield township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	30-40	40-50
Henry Ness	Males	1	1	1	0	1
	Females	0	2	0	1	0

1850, July 4              Pennsylvania, York county, Springfield township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
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Henry Ness	50	Laborer	Pa.
Christiana	43		Pa.
Catharine	15		Pa.
Jacob	12		Pa.
Noah	9		Pa.
Christianna	2		Pa.



1860, June 13      Pennsylvania, York county, Springfield township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Henry Ness	60	Laborer	Pa.
Christiana	52		Pa.
Christianna	11		Pa.

1870, July 5      Pennsylvania, York county, Manchester township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Benjamin Small	45	Miller	Pa.
Elizabeth	44		Pa.
Ellen	20		Pa.
Milton	11		Pa.
Levi	6		Pa.
William	5		Pa.
Christianna Ness	58		Pa.

Christina died September 1, 1879<sup>121</sup>, aged 72, and was buried on September 3, in Salem cemetery, Springfield township, York county. Her husband had died April 23, 1865<sup>121</sup>, and was buried in Salem cemetery, also.

#### ELIZABETH ALT SOWERS

Elizabeth Alt was named by her father, Henry Alt, in his will<sup>77</sup>. On<sup>117</sup> December 16, 1817, she became the ward of Frederick William, as did her brother, Henry, and her sister, Christina. On June 6, 1826<sup>123</sup>, Elizabeth was sponsor at the baptism of her sister's infant daughter, Elizabeth Ness, at Christ Lutheran church, York. Elizabeth and her husband, Michael Sowers, signed the deed transferring Elizabeth's in-





interest in the land inherited from her father, to Michael Hartman, on September 10, 1827, the property lying in York and Shrewsbury townships, York county<sup>119</sup>.

Elizabeth's husband, Michael Sowers, served in 1835<sup>124</sup>, as administrator of the estate of Elizabeth's mother Christina Bopp, who after the death of Henry Alt had married Ludwig Bopp<sup>90</sup>, of York township, York county.

#### CONRAD AULT

Conrad Alt was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Trappe, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, as the following record shows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Conrad <sup>5</sup>	12/18/1746 3/14/1747	Valentin Alt Catherina	Conrad Acker and wife Catherina

On March 26, 1756, Conrad became an apprentice to a wheelwright, as the following Orphans Court record shows<sup>125</sup>:

"Came into Court Maria Katharina Alt Widow and Administratrix of Valentine Alt late of York Township Weaver Deced and Prayed that Conrad Alt a minor Orphan Son of the said Valentine Aged Nine Years the Eighteenth Day of December last may be bound an Apprentice to George Jacob Shaffer of Codorus Township Wheel Wright It is considered by the Court and the said Conrad Alt is hereby bound an Apprentice to the said George Jacob Shaffer until he shall be of the Age of twenty one Years In Consideration whereof the said George Jacob Shaffer doth Covenant and agree to teach the said Apprentice to read and write and the Art or Mystery



of a Wheel-Wright which he now Practiseth and to furnish and allow the said Apprentice Sufficient Meat Drink Apparel Washing and Lodging during the said Term and at the Expiration thereof to pay unto him three Pounds Current Money of the Province and two Suits of Apparel one whereof shall be new."

On November 28, 1759<sup>10</sup>, Conrad became the ward of George Myer and Philip Zeegler, following the death of his father, Valentin, of York county, York township, Pennsylvania. On May 27, 1760<sup>126</sup>, his guardians petitioned the Orphans Court of York county to discharge from an indenture of apprenticeship the boy and his master, George Jacob Shaffer, wheelwright, to whom he had been apprenticed on March 26, 1756. The guardians petitioned that Conrad be apprenticed to Jacob Alt, weaver, and the Court so bound "the said Minor -- an Apprentice to Jacob Alt to learn the Trade of a Weaver during his minority In consideration Whereof the Said Jacob Alt Covenanteth to teach the Said Apprentice the Trade or mystery of a Weaver and to find him Sufficient Meat Drink Apparel Washing and Lodgeing dureing the Said Term and at the Expiration thereof to pay unto the said apprentice to the Value of four pounds in Tools of his Trade or that Sum in Money and one New Suit of apparel and to Teach him to Read and Write."

Original Tax lists for York county, Shrewsbury township, December 8, 1774, show Conrad a single man; so also do the assessment rolls for the same township in 1779. His name appears





on York county lists through 1783, at which time the data were as follows:

1783 York township, York county, Pennsylvania

Conrad Alt, weaver Males 2 Females 1

By July 30, 1781<sup>127</sup>, Conrad was married, he and his wife on that date serving as witnesses at an infant baptism at Friedenssaal church, York county. The same church has a record of the baptism of a son as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Witnesses
Johannes <sup>128</sup>	2/6/1782 3/10/1782	Conrad Alt Maria Elizabeth	Johann Dünki and wife Jacobina

Conrad removed to Washington county, Pennsylvania, where he made his will on December 30, 1787<sup>129</sup>. He died not later than August 11, 1788<sup>130</sup>.

#### WILL OF CONRAD AULT

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN

I Conrod Ault of the County of Washington and State of Pennsylvania Farmer being Verry sick and Weak, but in Perfect mind and Memory thanks be given unto god calling it unto mind the Mortallity of my body, and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die, do make and Ordain this my last Will and Testament, that is to say principally, and first of all, I give and recommend my Soul into the hand of Allmighty God that gave it, and my body I Recommend to the earth, to be buried in decent Christian burial, at the Discretion of my Executors, Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall receive the



same Again by the the Mighty Power of god, And as touching such worldly Estate Wherewith it has pleased god to bless me in this life, I give demise, and Dispose of the same in the Following Manner and form

First I give and bequath to Elizabeth Ault my Dearly beloved Wife all the beds and bedding. one cow and a Heifer with calf and she is to take her choice Two Ews and two Withers her choice, and four Hoggs her choice of them, all the Putter, the Iron Pot and frying Pan one Skillet two ladels and flesh fork one churn and two buckets one tin coffee Pot and one tin Quart and two tin Cups one box Iron and two heeters, one spinning Wheel and a picking Axe a Weeding hoe and Mattock, five hogs a fattening in the pen, and all the grain in the place likewise all the food hay and straw, and all the flax Two Psalm Books, four Baggs all the knives and forks, two Bells all the Earthen Ware, one Lamp, all the Wool, and Wooling, and linnen, Except my wearing apparel Likewise I leave her the whole place till my Youngest son Jacob Ault come to be fourteen years of age in which time she is to give the children schooling so as to Read and Write well, I do furthermore Bequath unto my beloved Wife the third of all my Moveable effects after my Debts is paid, And also, the whole of my Land if she keeps Singal till My son John is Twenty One years of Age; afterward She is to have Twelve Bushels of good Merchantable Wheat, yearly and every year after John comes of age, and One Hundred & Thirty pounds of Pork and Three Bushels of Rye and half an Acre of flax, and One half Bushel of Salt and one Cow to be Winted on the place for her if she dont Marry Beside a house to live in and half an Acre well fenc,d for a





garden, and if she get Married before John is of age this is all to be void, Allso I give to beloved son John Ault and Fredirick Ault and Jacob Ault my whole Land to be Devide Equally among them at the Discrecion of Fredireck Ault Sen,r and George Kintner Whom I make Constitute and Ordain my sole Executors of this my last Will and Testament and my Will is that my Oldest son John shall not have anny more than an Equal Share with the rest and by them to be freely Posessed and Enjoyed, and I do hereby utterly Disallow revoke and Disanull all and every other former Testaments Wills Legacies, bequests, and Executors by me in any Wise before Named Willed and bequeathed, Ratyfyng and Confirming this and no Other to be my last Will and Testament In Witness Whereof I have set my hand and seal this Thirtyeth Day December in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven

Sign,d Seal,d Publish,d pronounced  
and Declared by the Said Conrod  
Ault as his last Will and Testa-  
ment in the Presence of us who  
in the presence each other have  
hereunto Subscribed our Names

Conrod Ault (Séal)

Henry Huffman

Peter Sarter

Philip Black

Jacob Forwood

ATTEST:

A true copy from the record.

[Signed] S. A. Barnum  
Register.





## The Inventory of Goods of Conrod Ault, Deseased

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One Whetstone - - - - -	1	3	
One Small Cleves - - - - -		9	
Two old Bridles - - - - -	2	6	
Two old Collars - - - - -	4	0	
One mans Sadle - - - - -	8	0	
One Pair of Sadle Baggs - - - - -	4	0	
Some Cobbling Tools - - - - -	1	0	
One Comb Saw, one Rasp and two files - - - - -	1	6	
Two Chissels and Two Small Gouges - - - - -	1	3	
One line, One pair of Compasses 2 Gimblets & 1 key Saw	2	0	
Two Large Gouges - - - - -	2	6	
Three Chissels - - - - -	2	0	
Three Do - - - - -	1	3	
One Hammer, One old Augre - - - - -	1	10	
One hand Braud Axe - - - - -	4	0	
One Square and one hammer - - - - -	3	0	
One foot Ades - - - - -	4	0	
One Drawing knife and whetstone - - - - -	3	0	
One Carpenter Axe - - - - -	15	0	
One Braud Axe - - - - -	11	3	
One hand saw - - - - -	5	0	
One Ring Mall and two Iron Wedges - - - - -	4	6	
Fifteen Pounds of Iron - - - - -	7	6	
Two Sickels - - - - -	1	6	
One Do - - - - -	1	6	
Some Instruments to make Reeds & Some Kane[?] - - - - -	7	6	
One five Hundred Reed - - - - -	4	0	
One Pair of Hobbles - - - - -	1	0	
One Pair of Stilyards - - - - -	10	0	
Two Pounds of Steel - - - - -	2	9	
Two Guns - - - - -	1	2	6
Powder horn & Shott Bagg - - - - -	1	0	
One old Pigon and Wooden Cock - - - - -	1	0	
One lamp and One tin Quart - - - - -	1	6	
Two Wooden Dishes, five Bowls Eleven Trenchers - - - - -	7	0	
One Dish, Six Trenches and Three Bowls - - - - -	2	0	
Two Caggs - - - - -	3	6	
Two Caggs - - - - -	3	6	
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One Pickeling Cask - - - - -	3	0
Two Old Baggs - - - - -	1	3
One old Butter Tubb and Washing tubb - - - - -	3	0



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One little tubb and Basket		3	0
Hemp Seed		2	0
One Box Two Basors and a Hone		2	6
Two Spring Lances and case		10	0
One Pair of Buckskin Breeches & 1 par of Stocking		12	6
One Coat and Waist Coat		15	0
Two Shirts		10	0
One Cloth Coat and waist Coat		8	6
Two pairs of linnen Trowsers 1 pair of old Stocking		2	9
One pair of Striped Trowsers 1 pair of linnen Do		3	0
One Wool Hat, and two pair of Legings		3	9
One pair of Spotted Mittings		1	6
One Seven hundred Reed		6	0
One Sythe and Hangings		5	0
One Plow and Irons, Cleveses and Swingeltrees	1	10	0
One Cuting box Knife & Scrues		14	0
One Black Cow	3	0	0
One Heifer	2	10	0
One Black and White Calf		15	0
One Red Steir D <sup>o</sup>		15	0
One Red Bull D <sup>o</sup>		10	0
One Horn <sup>d</sup> Weather & 1 Ewe		15	0
One little Ewe and 1 little Ram		15	0
Two Weathers	1	0	0
Sixteen hogs Large and Small	1	10	0
Two Glass Bottles		2	6
One Pair of Buckels		1	0
Broke Hemp		5	6
One Black Bell Cow	3	10	0
One Red Cow	2	10	0
Two Ewes & Two Weathers	1	15	0
Two Barrows & Two Sows		13	6
One Iron Pot		5	9
One Pan 2 ladles 1 flesh fork and 1 Skillet		11	3
All the Puter and tin ware		15	6
One Smoothing Iron and a bell and lamp		5	6
Two Buckets 1 Churn and Old Spining Wheel		13	3
Four Baggs 1 Picking Axe 1 Grubing hoe 1 Old weeding hoe		12	0

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On March 25, 1816, Conrad's farm, "Melanthus," 105 acres on Pigeon creek, Somerset township, which had been patented to him posthumously, on May 12, 1789<sup>132</sup>, was deeded by his son to Thomas Hall<sup>63</sup>. The deed states that Conrad had willed this land to his three sons, John, Jacob, and Frederick; that John and Jacob died, leaving no children; therefore, Frederick was the sole owner.

Conrad's wife, Elizabeth, is named in the Washington county, Somerset township, Tax lists for 1788 and 1789. No further records concerning her have thus far been found.

Conrad Alt served in the American Revolution as a member of Capt. Henry Ferree's Company, York county, Pennsylvania<sup>133</sup>.

#### FRDERICK AULT

Frederick Ault was named in his father, Conrad's, will as the second of the three sons<sup>129</sup>. His uncle, Frederick Ault, Sr., also of Washington county, Pennsylvania, was named as one of the executors of the will, and then, on September 23, 1793, appointed "Guardian of the person and property of Frederick Ault minor son of Conrad Ault deceased being under the age of fourteen years<sup>134</sup>".

United States Census records of Frederick Ault and his family include the following:

1850, August 1	Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Frederick Ault	65	Farmer	Pa.
Mary	69		"
Elizabeth	45		"
Sarah	32		Ohio



	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Margarett	21		Ohio
Lavina	14		"
Parke Campbell	26	Laborer	Pa.
1860, June 30	Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Frederick Ault	76	Farmer	Pa.
Mary	79		"
Sarah	42		Ohio
Louisa	22		"
William	14		"
1870, July 14	Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Sarah Ault	49		Ohio
Mary	38	Invalid	Pa.
Lavina	31		Ohio
John	23	Farm Laborer	"

Frederick Ault died January 27, 1868, and was buried in the "Old Dutch" cemetery, south of St. Clairsville, Belmont county, his tombstone stating that he died in his 85th year<sup>50</sup>. His will, signed January 30, 1864, named his heirs as follows: his wife, Polly; daughters, Sarah; Margaret (Mrs. Joseph Crymble) deceased, leaving heirs; sons, John, Coonrod, and Jacob, deceased, leaving heirs<sup>135</sup>.





## WILL OF FREDERICK AULT

In the name of the Benevolent Father of All.

I Frederick Ault of the County of Belmont and State of Ohio do make and publish this my last will and testament.

Item 1st - I give and devise to my beloved wife in lieu of the dower Fifty bushels of wheat the bacon on hand for the use of the family one cow, household and kitchen furniture. Fifty Dollars in money.

Item 2nd - I give and devise to my oldest son John Ault The east part of the homestead farm or so much of it as lies east of the road according to the survey made by Ruggles containing about 72 acres.

Item 3rd - I give and devise to my daughter Sarah Ault The west part of the homestead farm as surveyed by Ruggles containing about 55 acres and also one Brown Mare.

Item 4th - I give and devise to my son Conrad Ault The farm on which he now lives known as the Kent farm.

Item 5th - I give and devise to my granddaughter Eliza Jane Ault The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 6th - I give and devise to my granddaughter, Mollissa Huts, The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 7th - I give and devise to my grandson William J. Ault, The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 8th - I give and devise to my granddaughter Matilda Ault, The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 9th - I give and devise to my granddaughter Mary Eliza Crumble The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 10th - I give and devise to my grandson Charles Crumble The sum of Forty Dollars.





Item 11th - I give and devise to my granddaughter Agnes Crumble The sum of Forty Dollars.

Item 12th - I do hereby nominate and appoint Andrew Ault Executor of this my last will and testament hereby authorizing and empowering him to sell at public sale the Remainder of my Real Estate and also the personal property belonging to my estate and pay my just debts and divide the remainder equally between my Heirs. Deducting cost of Administering.

I do hereby revoke all former wills by me made.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January A. D. 1864.

his  
Frederick X Ault      Seal  
mark

Signed and acknowledged by said Frederick Ault as his last will and testament in our presence and signed by us in his presence.  
Attest.

Robert G. Duncan

Joseph Ault

(\$7.50 US Stamps Attached)

Frederick Ault married Mary<sup>A</sup> Ault<sup>63</sup>, daughter of his uncle and guardian, Frederick Ault, Sr. She died 1873, aged 93<sup>50</sup>, and was buried near her husband's grave. Other items concerning her have been stated in the section on her father's life. Many descendants of Frederick and Mary still live in Belmont county, Ohio.



## CATHARINA ALT

The New Hanover Lutheran church, Falkner Swamp, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, has the following record concerning the baptism of Catharina Alt:

Child	Birth and Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Alt, Catharina <sup>2</sup>	9/29/1748 12/4/1748	Valentin ALT Catharina	Catharina Krause

After her father's death, she became the ward of George Myer and Philip Zeegler, along with her brothers, Henry, Conrad, Valentine, and Philip, on November 28, 1759<sup>10</sup>. On May 26, 1761<sup>136</sup>, the following instrument of apprenticeship was approved in Orphans Court: "Came into Court George Myer and Philip Zeegler guardians of Katrina Alt a minor Orphan Daughter of Valentine Alt late of York Township Deceased Aged twelve Years the Tenth Day of October last and prayed that the said Katrina may be bound and Apprentice to Michael Laow of Manchester Township Yeoman It is Considered by the Court and the said Katrina Alt is hereby Bound an Apprentice to the said Michael Laow untill She shall be of the Age of Eighteen Years In Consideration whereof the said Michael Laow doth Covenant and agree to teach or cause to be taught the said Apprentice to Read the Bible to knit Sew and Spin and to furnish and allow the said Apprentice Sufficient Meat Drink Apparel Washing and lodging during the  $\frac{d}{s}$  Term and at the Expiration thereof to pay unto her one New Spinning Wheel, one Milch Cow and two Suits of Apparel one whereof shall be New and of the Value of five Pounds in Money which the said Apprentice shall then chuse and three Pounds in Money."

To date no further information concerning Katrina has appeared to this research worker.





## VALENTINE AULT

Valentine Ault was born March 22, 1750<sup>2</sup>, as noted above on page 1. After his father's death, he became the ward of George Myer and Philipp Zeegler, on November 28, 1759<sup>10</sup>. On May 26, 1761, his guardians petitioned Orphans Court to approve, and the Court did approve, the following indenture for Valentine's apprenticeship<sup>136</sup>:

"Came into Court George Myer and Philip Zeegler Guardians of Valentine Alt a minor Orphan Son of Valentine Alt late of York Township Yeoman Deceased and prayed that the said Minor Valentine Alt may be bound an Apprentice to Michael Kaiselman of Shrewsbury Township Shoemaker It is Considered by the Court and the said Minor Valentine Alt is hereby bound an Apprentice to the said Michael Kaiselman untill he shall be of the Age of twenty one Years In Consideration whereof the said Michael Kaiselman doth Covenant and agree to teach or cause to be taught the said Apprentice the Art or Mystery of a Shoemaker which he now Practiseth to read the Bible to write and Arithmetick as far as the Rule of three direct and to furnish and allow the said Apprentice Sufficient Meat Drink Apparel Washing & lodging during the said Term and at the Expiration thereof to pay unto him one Set of Tools belonging to his Trade and two Suits of Apparel one whereof shall be new and of the Value of Six Pounds or Six Pounds in Money which the said Apprentice shall then chuse."



On February 18, 1776<sup>138</sup>, Valentine obtained title to 45 3/4 acres of land in Codorus township from Elias Oister and his wife Anna Maria, one of the daughters of Christian Lau, of Manchester township, deceased. The tract had been surveyed and laid off from a larger tract on August 16, 1774, for Elias in right of his wife, the land being part of the estate of Christian Lau. One acre of this land Valentine and Catharine Alt deeded to George Eister on December 14, 1787<sup>139</sup>. The remainder they deeded to Henry Steinsiffert on March 15, 1788<sup>140</sup>.

Original Assessment rolls for Codorus township, York county, carry Valentine Alt's name for the years 1778, 1779, 1781, 1783, 1786. The roll for 1783 carries the following population count:

Valentine Alt 6 inhabitants, 1 negro, 1 house, 1 outhouse, 2 cattle, and 4 sheep.

Baptismal records for children of Valentine and Catharine Alt in York county are the following:

St. Paul's Reformed (Wolf's) church, West Manchester township, York county, Pennsylvania

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Johann Peter <sup>141</sup>	2/16/1776 2/25/1776	Valentin Alt Catharine	Peter Lau Eva Lau, single
Joh: Jacob <sup>142</sup>	8/1/1778 8/30/1778	Valentin Alt Cath:	Peter Lau and wife
Andreas <sup>143</sup>	9/19/1781 10/14/1781	Valentin Alt Cath.	Andreas Lau and wife
Susanna <sup>144</sup>	1/15/1784 4/11/1784	Valentin Alt -----	Christian Noll Catharina Lau





St. Paul's (Ziegler's) church, North Codorus township,  
York County, Pennsylvania

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Michael <sup>145</sup>	11/9/1786 2/17/1787	Valentin Alt Catharina	Michael Neumann Susanna Lau

Valentin and Catharine Alt were sponsors at the baptism of Catharine, daughter of Philip and Dorothea Heilman, at Friedensall church, Springfield township, York county, Pennsylvania, February 12, 1786<sup>146</sup>.

Beginning with 1789 and continuing through 1796, Valentine Ault's name appears on the Tax rolls of Somerset township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The lists for 1796 give the following items:

Valentine Ault	Land	76	Valuation	20
	Cleared "	20		3
	Dwelling Cabin	1		1
	Small Cabbin Barn	1		0
	Horses	2		10
	Cows	2		4

On May 4, 1792, Valentine obtained title to a tract of land, "Blackwood", 78 acres, 58 perches, on Pigeon creek, Somerset township, Washington county, Pennsylvania. The grantors were Philip Black and wife, Elizabeth. On September 20, 1797, Valentine and his wife, Catharine, deeded this land to John Ogilbee, of Cumberland county<sup>147</sup>, Pennsylvania.





Federal Census records for Valentine Ault include the following:

1790 Pennsylvania, Washington county

Head of Household	16 or over	Under 16	Age not stated
Felty Ault	Free White Males 2	4	0
	Free White Females 0	0	2
	All other free White Persons 0	0	1

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

Head of Household	Under 10	16-26	Over 45
Vallentine Ault	Males 0	0	1
	Females 1	1	1 (1 Ag.)

On October 25, 1798<sup>96</sup>, Valentine Ault obtained title to 100 acres in Belmont county, Ohio, from Bazaleel Wells and wife, Sally, of Brooke county, Virginia (now West Virginia). This land is on McMahon's creek, and both men supposed it to be in Jefferson county, Ohio, but a later survey showed it to be in Belmont county. It lies in Section 4 Town 7 Range 4. Beginning with this tract of land, Valentine bought and sold many pieces of farm land in Belmont county up to and including the year 1824, as shown by deeds in the office of the Recorder at St. Clairsville.

Valentine died, intestate, not later than October 11, 1826<sup>148</sup>. There were eight heirs who signed the deeds transferring their interests in Valentine's land to Thomas Genin. They were the following: sons, Frederick Ault, of Cincinnati, Ohio; Andrew Ault (who had a wife, Mary), of Morgan county, Ohio; Peter Ault (wife, Barbara), of Coshocton county, Ohio; Michael Ault (wife, Hannah), of Henry county, Indiana; George (wife, Polly), of Belmont county, Ohio; Jacob Ault, of Belmont county, Ohio; daughters, Susanna Rose (husband, John), of Mercer county, Pennsylvania;









was a second wife, also named Catharine, is found in several Belmont county deeds, a late one bearing the wife's name dated April 19, 1820<sup>150</sup>.

### PETER AULT

Peter Ault's baptismal record comes from the files of St. Paul's (Wolf's) Union church, West Manchester township, York county, Pennsylvania, and is as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Johann Peter <sup>151</sup>	2/16/1776 2/25/1776	Valentin Alt Catharine	Peter Lau Eva Lau, single

On September 23, 1809, Peter Ault bought land in Belmont county, Ohio, part of S 2 T 7 R 4<sup>152</sup>. On November 5, 1819, he received patent for 160 acres of land in Conshocton county, Ohio, the SW 1/4 S 23 T 5 R 9. President James Monroe authorized this patent. On December 26, 1829, Peter and his wife, Barbara, deeded this tract of land to Leonard Ault and William Ault<sup>153</sup>. Peter's name appeared on the Tax rolls of Coshocton county in 1818 as owner of Lots 51 and 22 in Clarksville, Perry township (now in Pike township).

Federal Census records for Peter Ault include the following:

1800      Pennsylvania, Washington county, Somerset township

Head of Household                      16-26

Peter Ault	Males	1
	Females	1



1830 Ohio, Coshocton county, Perry township

Head of Household	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30	50-60
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Peter Ault	Males	1	1	1	2	1
	Females	0	0	2	0	1

1840 Ohio, Coshocton county, Washington township

Head of Household	Under 5	10-15	60-70
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Peter Ault	Males	1	1	1
	Females	0	0	1

Peter Ault died between April 15, 1843, when he signed his will, and June 22, 1843, when it was admitted to probate in Coshocton county, Ohio. In the will, he named the following heirs: his wife, Barbara; his sons, Frederick, Elias, John, Andrew, Leonard; his daughters, Catharine and Elizabeth<sup>154</sup>. Elizabeth had married Alpheus Taylor<sup>155</sup>, and Catharine had married Michael Toothman<sup>156</sup>.

Peter Ault served in the War of 1812, a private in the Company of Captain John McElroy's Riflemen. The period of service was October 20, 1812 to January 5, 1813<sup>157</sup>.

### JACOB AULT

From St. Paul's (Wolf's) Reformed church, West Manchester township, York county, Pennsylvania, comes the following baptismal record:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Joh: Jacob <sup>142</sup>	8/1/1778 8/30/1778	Valentin Alt Catharine	Peter Lau and wife

On August 23, 1811<sup>159</sup>, Jacob Ault became owner, by deed, of 114 acres of land in S 2 T 7 R 4, Belmont county, Ohio.





This tract he and his wife, Elizabeth, deeded to a grantee on October 14, 1812. Deed records in Belmont county show Jacob a landowner there as late as February 7, 1854, when he deeded to William Ault 57 acres in S 3 T6 R 4<sup>160</sup>.

United States Census records for Jacob Ault include the following:

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

Head of Household		Under 10	10-16	16-26	26-45
Jacob Ault	Males	2	1	0	1 (Mfg. 2)
	Females	2	2	2	1

1830 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	40-50	50-60
Jacob Ault	Males	1	1	1	1	0	1
	Females	1	1	0	0	1	0

1840 (as for 1830)

Head of Household		10-15	20-30	60-70	
Jacob Ault	Males	2	0	1	(Ag. 1)
	Females	0	1	1	

1850, September 27. Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
William Ault	21	Blacksmith	Ohio
Mary	25		Ohio
Josephine	2		Ohio
Jacob	1		Ohio
Elizabeth	7/12		Ohio
Jacob	75	None	Pennsylvania
Elizabeth	73		Pennsylvania





Jacob was one of the two administrators appointed by the Court, November 2, 1826, to settle the estate of his father, Valentine Ault, of Belmont county<sup>148</sup>.

Besides Jacob's son William, records have been found for at least three others, for each of whom the father filed his consent for marriage. The three were: Peter<sup>161</sup>, who was married to Catharine Welsh on July 6, 1837; Nancy<sup>162</sup>, licensed on November 12, 1835, to marry George Loy; Mary<sup>163</sup>, licensed on August 1, 1840, to marry Jacob Keever.

Jacob Ault served in the War of 1812 as a private in the Company of Captain John Howell, the period of service extending from September 3, 1813 to March 16, 1814. This company was from Belmont county, Ohio<sup>164</sup>.

#### ANDREW AULT

Baptismal records for Andrew Alt are found in the files of St. Paul's (Wolf's) Reformed church, West Manchester township, York county, Pennsylvania. The items are as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Andreas <sup>143</sup>	9/19/1781 10/14/1781	Valentin Alt Catharine	Andreas Lau and wife

Andrew's name, spelled Ault, appeared in the Assessment rolls of Washington county, Pennsylvania, 1811-12 through 1814-15, when his name was followed by the word "Removed." The earliest of these lists describes Andrew as a single man, assessed for 1 horse, 1 cow, 1 dog. The roll for 1812-13 lists him as married, the word "Married" being substituted for the cancelled word "Single," in the records.



United States Census records for Andrew Ault include the following:

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

Head of Household		Under 10	26-45	
Andrew Ault	Males	0	1	(Ag. 1)
	Females	4	1	

1830 Ohio, Morgan county, Manchester township

Head of Household		5-10	10-15	15-20	40-50
Andrew Ault	Males	1	0	0	1
	Females	0	2	2	1

1840 (As for 1830)

Head of Household		15-20	50-60
Andrew Ault	Males	1	1
	Females	1	1

1850, September 21.	Ohio, Morgan county, Manchester township
	Age Occupation Place of Birth
Mary Ault	75 Pennsylvania
Jacob Ault	36 Laborer Pennsylvania

On December 9, 1822<sup>166</sup>, Andrew Ault and his wife, Mary, residents of Morgan county, Ohio, deeded land in Somerset township, Washington county, Pennsylvania, to John Clodfelter. On August 3, 1827, they signed the deed, noted above on page 86, which conveyed the title to Andrew's father, Valentine Ault's, land in Belmont county, Ohio, to Thomas Genin<sup>149</sup>.

Andrew died before April 12, 1842. On that date his daughter, Julian, deeded to Michael Kuntz her equal share, the undivided one-fifth, of all the real estate of her father, deceased<sup>167</sup>. Andrew's son, Jacob, and his daughter, Elizabeth (Mrs. George Kuntz), signed a similar deed relative to their





equal shares, undivided two-fifths of their father, Andrew's, real estate. The latter date was March 22, 1845<sup>167</sup>.

Andrew married Mary Clodfelter, daughter of Michael<sup>A</sup>, whose other children were George, of York county, and Jacob, John, Margret, and Philip, all of Washington county, Pennsylvania. Michael Clodfelter is termed "deceased" in the deed signed by the above named children on April 9, 1825, transferring title to land held in Washington county, Somerset township, Pennsylvania<sup>168</sup>.

#### SUSANNA AULT ROSE

Baptismal records for Susanna Ault come from St. Paul's (Wolf's) Reformed church, West Manchester township, York county, Pennsylvania, as follows:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Susanna <sup>144</sup>	1/15/1784 4/11/1784	Valentin Alt (wife not named)	Christian Noll Catharina Lau

Susanna married John Rose, and was living in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, by November 27, 1827, when she and her husband signed a quitclaim deed covering her share of her deceased father, Valentine Ault's, estate<sup>149</sup>.

United States Census records for Susanna Rose's family include the following:

1830	Pennsylvania, Mercer county, Springfield township					
Head of Household	Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	40-50	
John Rose	Males	0	2	1	0	1
	Females	1	0	1	2	1



1840 (As for 1830)

Head of Household		Under 5	10-15	15-20	20-30
John Roas	Males	0	0	1	0
	Females	1	1	0	1
		40-50	50-60		
		1	0		
		0	1		

1850, August 7. (As for 1830 and 1840)

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Isaac V. Rose	25	Farmer	Mercer county, Pa.
Sarah	23		Mercer county, Pa.
Eliza			Mercer county, Pa.
Samuel H.	10/12		Mercer county, Pa.
John Rose	67	None	Washington county, Pa.
Susanna	65		York county, Pa.
Elizabeth Rose	31.		Mercer county, Pa.
Virginia	10		Mercer county, Pa.
Vina	7		Mercer county, Pa.

## MICHAEL AULT

St. Paul's (Ziegler's) church, North Codorus township,  
York county, Pennsylvania, furnishes the following record:

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Michael Alt <sup>145</sup>	11/9/1786 2/1/1787	Valentine Alt Catharine	Michael Neumann and Susanna Lau

On January 5, 1828, Michael Ault and his wife, Hannah, of  
Henry county, Indiana, signed the quitclaim deed conveying  
Michael's interest in the Belmont county, Ohio, land of his  
deceased father, Valentine Ault, to Thomas Genin<sup>149</sup>.



Federal Census records for Michael Ault include the following:

1830 Indiana, Henry county

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20
Michael Ault	Males	2	0	1	2
	Females	2	1	1	0
		30-40	40-50		
		1	0		
		0	1		

1840 Indiana, Henry county, Liberty township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-30
Michael Ault	Males	1	1	0	1	1
	Females	0	2	2	0	0
		40-50	50-60			
		0	1			
		1	0			

1850, November 18 Indiana, Porter county, Pleasant township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Michael Ault	65	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Hannah	57		Pennsylvania
John	25		Indiana
Esther	19		Indiana
Valentin	16		Indiana
Henry	13		Indiana
Theoren G.	1		Indiana

1860, August 7 Indiana, Porter county, Pleasant township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Michael Ault	77	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Hannah Ault	55[sic]		Maryland[sic]
Henry Ault	23		Indiana





	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Lauretta Graves	15		Indiana
Theron Graves	12		Indiana
1870, July 30	Indiana, Porter county, Pleasant township		
	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Henry Ault	33	Farmer	Indiana
Rachiel	32		Indiana
Garry	6		Indiana
William	4		Indiana
Eva	2		Indiana
Harriet	7/12 (Born January)		Indiana
Hannah	80		Pennsylvania

On June 25, 1822, Michael Ault entered 80 acres of land in the "district of Brookville, land sold at Indianapolis," the W 1/2 NE 1/4 S 23 T 17 R 11, in Henry county, Indiana. This tract Michael and Hannah deeded to a new owner on April 15, 1831<sup>171</sup>.

There is strong evidence that Michael and Hannah Ault were parents of the following children: Andrew<sup>172</sup>, of Porter and Lake counties, Indiana; Washington<sup>173</sup>, of Porter county, Indiana, and Madison county, Iowa; John<sup>174</sup>, of Porter county, Indiana; Henry<sup>175</sup>, of Porter county, Indiana, and Polk county, Iowa; Franklin<sup>176</sup> and Valentine<sup>177</sup>; Elizabeth<sup>178</sup> (Mrs. James B. Graves); Julian<sup>179</sup> (Mrs. George W. Coghill); Susannah<sup>180</sup> (Mrs. William Eaton); Aurelia<sup>181</sup> (Mrs. Henry Skidmore); Esther. Until, however, further investigations into this family are made, the assumption that all these were children of Michael and Hannah must be held as tentative.



## CATHARINE AULT ROSE

Catharine Rose and her husband, Henry, signed a quitclaim deed, on November 27, 1827, releasing Catharine's interest in the Belmont county, Ohio, real estate of her father, Valentine Ault, deceased, to Thomas Genin<sup>149</sup>. Catharine lived at the time in Mercer county, Pennsylvania.

Federal Census records relating to the family of Henry Rose are as follows:

1830      Pennsylvania, Mercer county, Delaware township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20
Henry Rose	Males	2	1	1	2
	Females	0	1	1	0
		20-30	30-40	50-60	
		1	1	0	
		1	1	1	

1840      (As for 1830)

Head of Household		5-10	10-15	15-20	40-50
Henry Rose	Males	0	2	1	1
	Females	1	1	1	1

1850, November 12      (As for 1830, 1840)

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Henry Rose <sup>A</sup>	60	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Catharine	56		Pennsylvania
Jacob	34	Carpenter	Pennsylvania
Levi	22	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Susana	18		Pennsylvania
Elizabeth	16		Pennsylvania





Catharine apparently died before April 6, 1866, at which time her husband deeded land in Delaware township, Mercer county, to three sons, namely, Jacob H.<sup>182</sup>, Levi<sup>183</sup>, and Henry W.<sup>184</sup>. A daughter, Susan and her husband, William Reading, and another daughter, Elizabeth, and her husband, David Snyder, quitclaimed this land to the three brothers on August 20, 1867<sup>185</sup>.

### GEORGE AULT

United States Census records furnish the earliest documentary information thus far found concerning George Ault, son of Valentine. Such reports are as follows:

1820 Ohio, Belmont county, Richland township

Head of Household		Under 10	16-26	26-45	
George Ault	Males	2	0	1	(Commerce 1)
	Females	2	1	0	

1830 Ohio, Belmont county, Smith township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	15-20	30-40
George Ault	Males	1	0	1	1	1
	Females	1	1	2	2	1

1840 Ohio, Belmont county, Washington township

Head of Household		Under 5	5-10	10-15	30-40	40-50	70-80
George Ault	Males	2	0	1	0	1	2
	Females	0	1	0	1	0	1

1850, September 2 Ohio, Belmont county, York township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
George Ault	57	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Emma [Amy]	40		Ohio
Samuel Batten	89		Pennsylvania



	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Elizabeth Ault	18		Ohio
Martin	14		Ohio
Levi	12		Ohio
Gessee	11		Ohio
Jacob	9		Ohio
Henry	7		Ohio
Sarah	5		Ohio
Lewis	1		Ohio

1860, June 9      Indiana, Brown county, Van Buren township

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
George Ault	67	Farmer	Pennsylvania
Ama	51		Ohio
Levi	20		Ohio
Jesse	18		Ohio
Henry	15		Ohio
Sarah	13		Ohio
Louis	11		Ohio
Elizabeth Hendricks	13		Ohio

1870, July 27      Illinois, Moultrie county, Town of Dora

	Age	Occupation	Place of Birth
Levi Ault	28	Farmer	Ohio
Martha Ault	24		Ohio
Robert L. Ault	5		Indiana
Anna J. Ault	4		Indiana
Myrtie W. Ault	1		Indiana
George Ault	78	Lives with Son	Pennsylvania
Amy Ault	60	Lives with Son	Ohio
Lewis Ault	21	Farmer	Ohio



George Ault served with his brother, Jacob, as administrator of their father, Valentine's estate<sup>148</sup>. George and his wife, Polly, signed on February 4, 1828, the deed conveying their interest in Valentine's land in Belmont county, Ohio, to Thomas Genin<sup>149</sup>. As late as May 1, 1833, George and Polly made a deed of land in Belmont county to a new owner<sup>186</sup>.

George Ault married twice. His first wife was Margaret (Polly)<sup>187</sup> Ault, daughter of George's first cousin, Frederick<sup>54</sup>, who was a son of George's uncle, Frederick Ault<sup>51</sup>. After the death of Polly, George married Amy Batten<sup>137</sup>, this marriage taking place on January 14, 1836. Children of the first marriage included Andrew G., of Brown county, Indiana; Mary Ann (Mrs. Brice McClain, later Mrs. David Weyer), of Belmont county, Ohio; Valentine, of Belmont county, Ohio; Margaret; Catharine (Mrs. Melancthon Young), of Wood county, West Virginia; Hannah C. (Mrs. Lewis Sumption), of Belmont county, Ohio; Elizabeth (Mrs. Benedict Burgy), of Wood county, West Virginia<sup>187</sup>. Children of the second marriage included Jacob<sup>170</sup>, of Brown county, Indiana; Martin<sup>170</sup>, of Brown county, Indiana; Levi of Moultrie county, Illinois; Henry<sup>170</sup>, of Los Angeles, California; Sarah; Lewis<sup>169</sup>, of De Kalb county, Indiana; Jesse<sup>170</sup>, of Madison county, Indiana.





## FREDERICK AULT

Frederick Ault was residing in Cincinnati, Ohio, when, on February 4, 1828, he signed a deed, conveying his interest in his father, Valentine's, land in Belmont county, Ohio, to Thomas Genin<sup>149</sup>. In 1829<sup>165</sup>, Frederick was registered as a potter in Cincinnati, residing in Friendship Alley, between Ludlow and Lawrence. No other documentary items concerning this son of Valentine Ault have thus far been verified. Tentative evidence indicates that his wife was Nancy Hinds<sup>158</sup>, daughter of John Hinds of St. Clairsville, Belmont county, Ohio.



## APPENDIX

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  - 3 Palm Sunday, 1767, was April 12.
  - 4 Mary Ault, daughter of Frederick and Eva (Heins) Ault, was named Polly on her tombstone and in some of the Probate papers of Case 5874, Belmont county, Ohio.
  - 5 Philip Ault, son of Andrew (of Frederick and Eva), served in the War of 1812, according to the United States archival records of that war.
  - 6

Child	Birth Baptism	Parents	Sponsors
Michael	5/8/1811	Jacob and	Michael and Maria
	6/7/1811	Catharina Alt	Elizabeth Liebenstein
Kreutz Creek Evangelical Lutheran Church, near Hellam, York county, Pennsylvania.			
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ship, Hamburg, P.O.
- |                 | Age | Place of Birth |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|
| Henry Rose, Sr. | 74  | Pennsylvania   |
| Catharine       | 69  | Pennsylvania   |
| Susan           | 25  | Pennsylvania   |
| Levi Forster    | 13  | Pennsylvania   |





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In the name of god Amen I Henry Aldt of Shrewsbury Township in the County of York and State of Pennsylvania Being, advanced in age yet of Sound mind memory and understanding (blessed be god for the Same) but considering the uncertainty of this transitory life and being desirous to Settle my worldly affairs and thereby be the better prepared to Leave this world Do make and publish this my last will and Testament in manner and form following to wit principally and first of all I commit my Immortal Soul into the hands of god who gave it and my body to the Earth to be buried in a decent & Christian like manner at the discretion of my Executors herein after named and as to Such wordly Estate wherewith it hath pleased god to bless me in this life I give and dispose of the Same in the following manner to wit After payment of my Just debts and funeral Expences I give devise and bequeath unto my Children Valentine Aldt Philip Aldt, John Aldt, Jacob Aldt and Frederick Aldt all that plantation and tract of land Situate in Shrewsbury Townships and York Townships marked and known on a plot by the number one Containing about one hundred and thirty acres be the Same more or less also a tract of land Containing about twenty Seven acres to be devided amongst them Share and Share alike, Item I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Christina one Cow of her own choice one Bed and bed Stead, one Spinning wheel and one Chest. I further will and bequeath unto my beloved wife Christina and to her Children. Namely Lewis Aldt, Henry Aldt, Christina Aldt and Elizabeth Aldt the residue of my plantation Number two Situate in Shrewsbury, and York Townships aforesaid





Containing about one hundred and Six acres be the Same more or less I further will and bequeath unto my said wife Christina and her Heirs namely Lewis, Henry, Christina and Elizabeth Aldt a Small piece of wood land marked by the Number three Containing about ten acres be the Same more or less, to be equally devided Share and Share alike It is further my will that in Case my said wife Should marry again after my decease that then and in such Case my said wifes Share being the one fifth part of the two last mentioned pieces of land Shall be equally devided amongst the aforesaid Children Namely Lewis, Henry, Christina and Elizabeth Share and Share alike, I also will that all my personal Estate Shall be Sold after my decease and the monies therefrom arising Shall be devided Share and Share alike amongst my nine Children and my said wife Christina Item it is further my will that all the Bonds and Notes and Book Accounts due me by my Children Shall bear no Interest only the principal Shall be deducted from their Shares of the personal Estate Item it is further my will that in Case any of my wifes said Children Should marry and would wish to live in the house on said land that then the said Children are to repair the house side of the turnpike so that my said wife Can live in it, And lastly I do hereby nominate and appoint my trusty and well beloved friends Peter Fyser and Michael Hess Executors of this my last will and Testament And I do hereby revoke, disanull and make void all other and former Wills by me heretofore made. ratifying and holding this for and as my last will and Testament



IN WITNESS whereof I the said Henry Aldt have hereunto Set my  
hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of August in the Year of  
our lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixteen

Henrich Alt (Seal)



Notary Public for the State of New York  
in and for the County of ...  
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original of the within and foregoing instrument, as the same appears from the records of my office.





De Ingang Der Oude Walenkerk  
(Entrance to The Old Walloon Church)

EGLISE WALLONNE and BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE

Nellie Wallace Reeser

Substance of a talk on visits to two Huguenot centers of interest in Holland in 1963, made before the Huguenot Society of Indiana at the Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, March 25, 1964.





EGLISE WALLONNE AND BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE



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Huguenot ancestors:

Daniel Levan and his wife Marie Beau and their son Abraham, who came to America before 1727 and settled in Oley Valley, Berks county, Pennsylvania. His house was still standing in 1954.

Daniel Renoll (e, et, ey), who was in York county, Pennsylvania by 1751.

Jean d'Harcourt, his daughter Anna Marie (Mrs. Peter Weimar) De Turk, and her daughter Catharine Weimar, the latter two to America 1709. Catharine became Mrs. Abraham Levan.



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The Church as it appeared in 1409

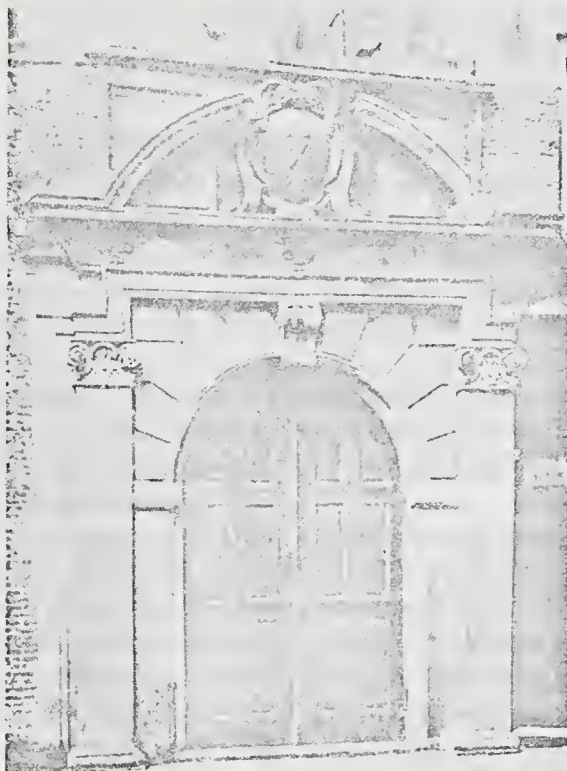


General View—1659





EGLISE WALLONNE AND BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE



Het Poortje (The Door)

Het Fraahe Orgel  
(The Beautiful Organ)





## EGLISE WALLONNE

**I**N AMSTERDAM IS A CHURCH of special interest to many members of Huguenot societies in America.

The Eglise Wallonne stands a five-minute walk from the great square on which fronts the Royal Palace of the Netherlands. This church with the French name is known to the townspeople as De Oude Walenkerk. Its location is found on local maps by tracing a route along streets and across canals bearing Dutch names. The clerk at the V.V.V. (tourist bureau) said, in English: "Follow Damstraat till you have crossed the second bridge; turn right at the Achterburgwal and you will see the church." And there it was, between Hoogstraat and Spinhuissteeg, at the back of a small square, the Walenpleintje.

It was here that exiles fleeing from France because of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 found freedom to worship according to their own rites and in their own language. Here they became part of a Protestant congregation already almost a century old. Those earlier exiles had fled from Spanish persecution in the Belgian provinces of Liege, Luxemburg, Namur, Hainaut, and Brabant, where they were known as Walloons. By 1586 so many of them had come into Amsterdam that the government gave them the ancient building on the east side of the Achterburg for their own center of worship, hence the name Walenkerk. As their number increased a second church was needed; hence the old one became De Oude Walenkerk.

The building was originally a chapel of the Paulist Brothers, built in 1409. The Paulists left the building in 1457, and it remained vacant for a long time. In 1558 the town council purchased this "Klooster," and used it for various religious and charitable purposes until they turned it over to the Belgian exiles.

Today the church is an impressive piece of architecture, outside and inside. Its antiquity is obvious, but there are, at least to this layman's eyes, no signs of decay. The style is seventeenth century. Modernization is apparent in some elements, but there seems complete harmony of the new and the old.

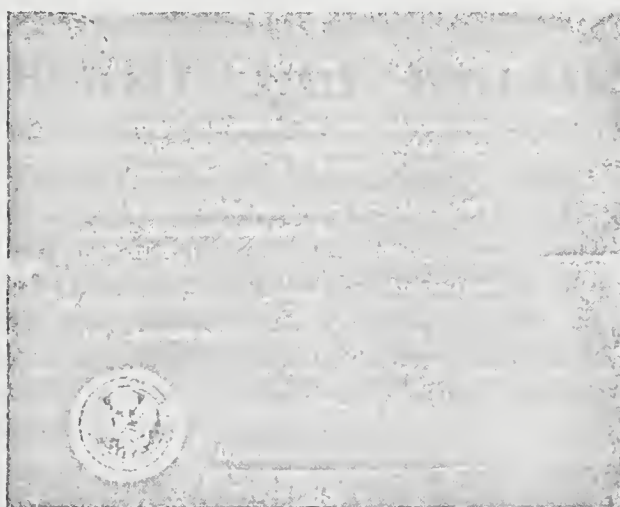
A plaque on a great beam across the middle of the church gives these data, in French, of course: Founded 1409, repaired 1647, enlarged 1661, rebuilt 1816. Elsewhere one learns that in 1891 the interior was improved but with original details retained so far as possible. And later still, electrification replaced the earlier candle lighting, but chandeliers of seventeenth century style carry the bulbs. In earlier days tombstones covered the floor, but a wooden layer now overlays the tombs. The beautiful organ dates from 1680; it has been enlarged and repaired from time to time; its tone is movingly rich.

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EGLISE WALLONNE AND BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE



Baptismal Certificate of Abraham Levan  
Born 1698

For me, a visitor to Holland in 1963, the Eglise Wallonne had special interest. It was to this church that one of my ancestors, Abraham Levant, born September 20, 1698, was brought for baptism by his parents, Daniel Levant and Marie Beau. One Sunday morning I went to worship in that church, going early enough for a leisurely look at some of the striking characteristics of the place. I paused at the large front door and read the inscription over it: Genese XXVIII vers 17, C'est ici la Maison de Dieu et la porte des Cieux. (Genesis 28:17. Here is the house of God and the door of Heaven.) Noticing smaller doors, one on each side of the vestibule-like entry, I read over the south one: Pseaume V vers 8 J'entrerais en ta Maison avec Reverence. (Psalms 5:8. I will enter into thy house with reverence.) Over the north door is inscribed: Mat. XXI vers 13. Ma maison est la maison d'oraison. (Mat. 21:13. My house is the house of prayer.)

Upon entering the sanctuary I saw that men and women do not sit in separate sections, as historians tell us they used to do. There were no ushers; so each worshiper chose his own seat, picking up a hymn book as he passed a stack in a rear pew. The central section of pews faces the elevated pulpit, midway along the north side. Across each end of the central section is another section of seats at right angles to it. Back of the central seating and slightly higher and separated from it by a partition is a special row of seats, each with a huge Bible beside it. On this Sunday no one sat there.

The service was in French (in spots beyond my acquaintance with the language!). The hymns, dating from the sixteenth century, were sung with fine spirit, led and supported by the splendid organ. The sermon was eloquent. The announcements, read by the pastor, indicated an active, dynamic parish. To a mid-west American, in a great city in the Netherlands, in a sanctuary full of reflections of long-gone times, worshiping in a service of such special character, almost overwhelming was the feeling that the faith of our Fathers has indeed, there, kept alive and strong the spirit of the Huguenots.





## BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE

THE NAME BIBLIOTHEQUE WALLONNE (Walloon library) would attract the attention of any descendant of either Huguenots or Walloons. For the express purpose of doing research in that library, I went to Leiden. The walk from the railway station to this repository of French history leads along streets and over canals, all bearing Dutch names: Stationsweg, Steenstraat, Rapenburg, Kloksteeg, past the massive St. Pieterskerk (religious center of the Pilgrims during their Holland interlude), across Nieuwsteeg to the modestly housed Bibliotheque.

A mammoth card catalog there shows for each person listed his connection with a Walloon church in Holland; in some cases his earlier place of residence is stated; in many cases his parents are named. More than a hundred searchers labored for more than twenty years to collect and record the information which fills the thousands of cards now filed in tiers of steel cabinets in the justly celebrated library.

The research hours were from two to four P. M. At two I was at the door! After the preliminaries of the introduction I handed to the Director, Herr H. Boeke, who is a historian and linguist, the list of family names I hoped to find there: Beau, D'Harcourt, De Hart, Levan(t), Renoll(e)(y)-(et), Wemer (with some of its variations). After a few minutes among the files Herr Boeke brought back cards for every name I had handed in. Every one had information, some so much that there was not time enough that day for me to copy everything I wanted; so I arranged for abstracts to be sent to me. The visit to that distinguished library was a gratifying reward for including Leiden in the itinerary. Besides that special joy were added the ones that fall to the lot of even the casual tourist, the many places of historic interest, the many points of special scenic appeal, and everywhere the atmosphere of gracious hospitality with which this city has been surrounding strangers for centuries.

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